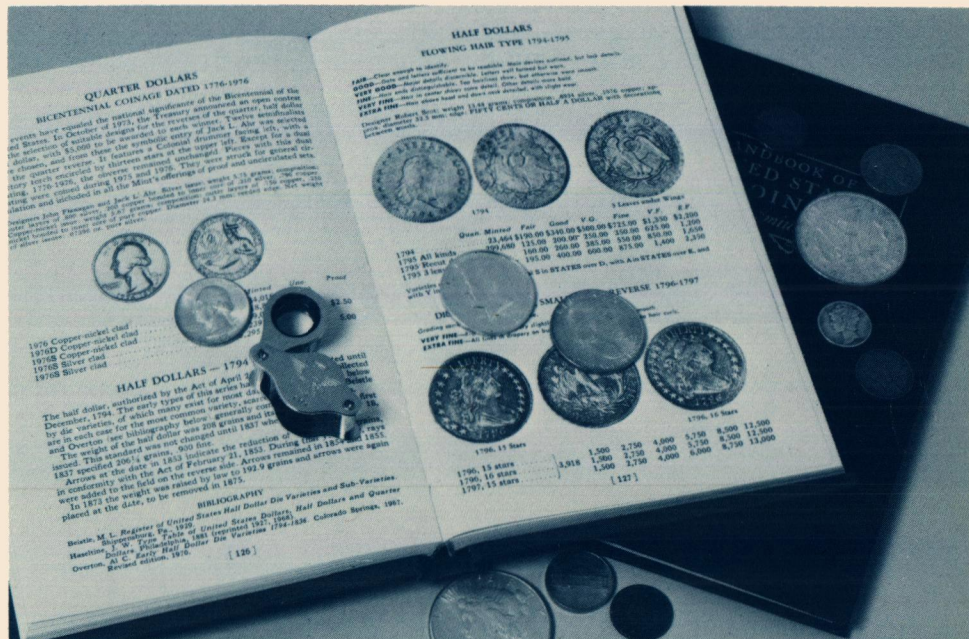


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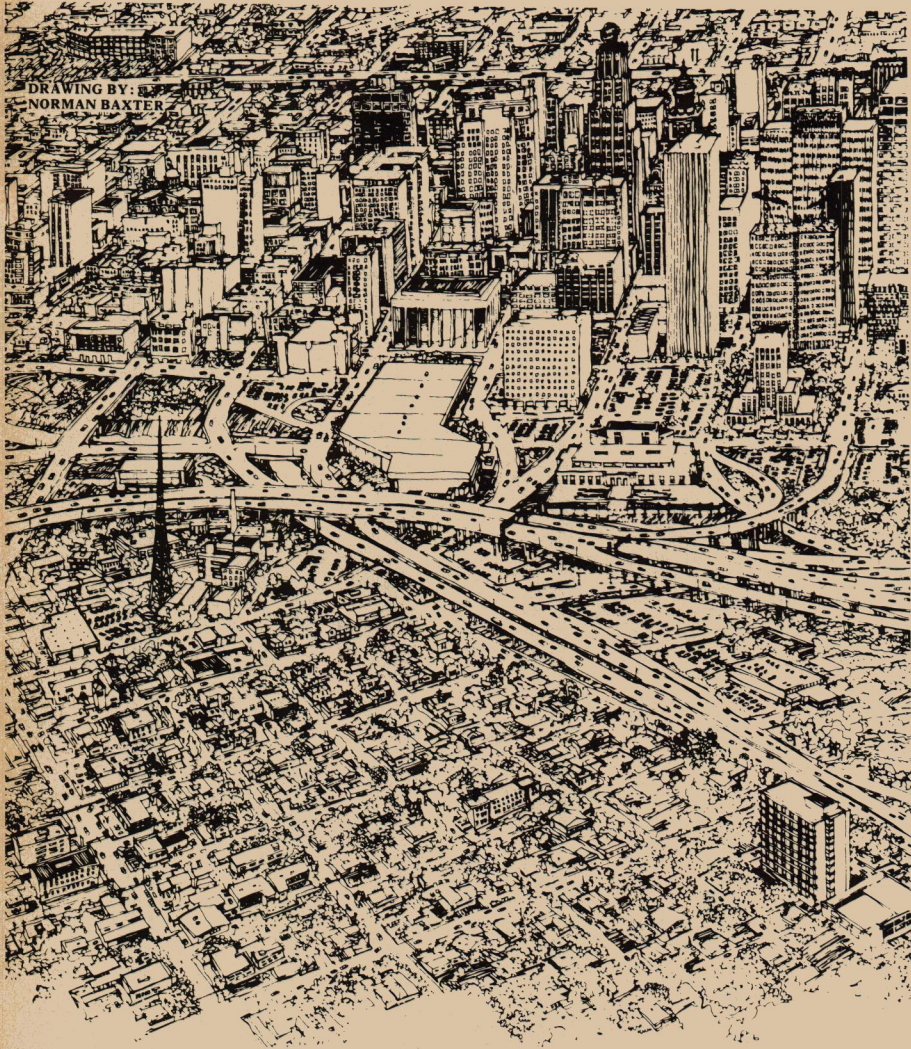
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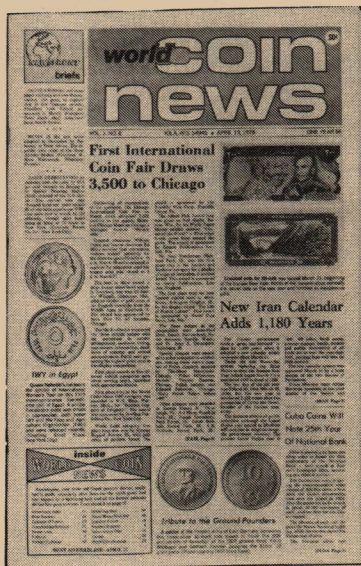
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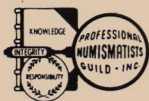
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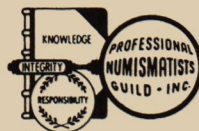
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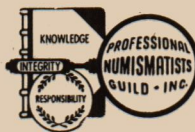


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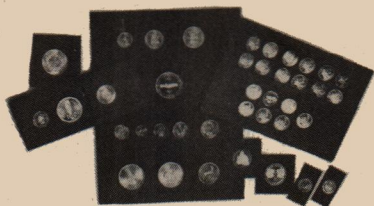
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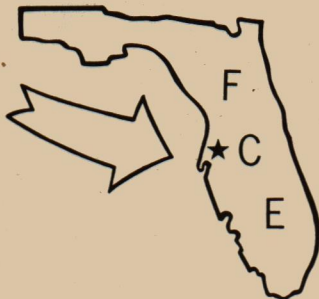
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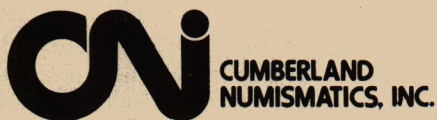
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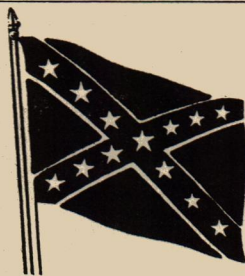
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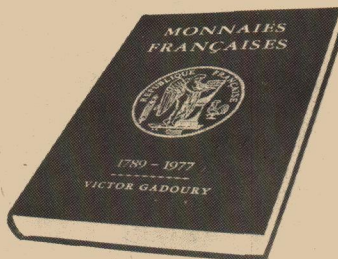
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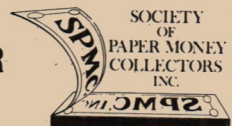
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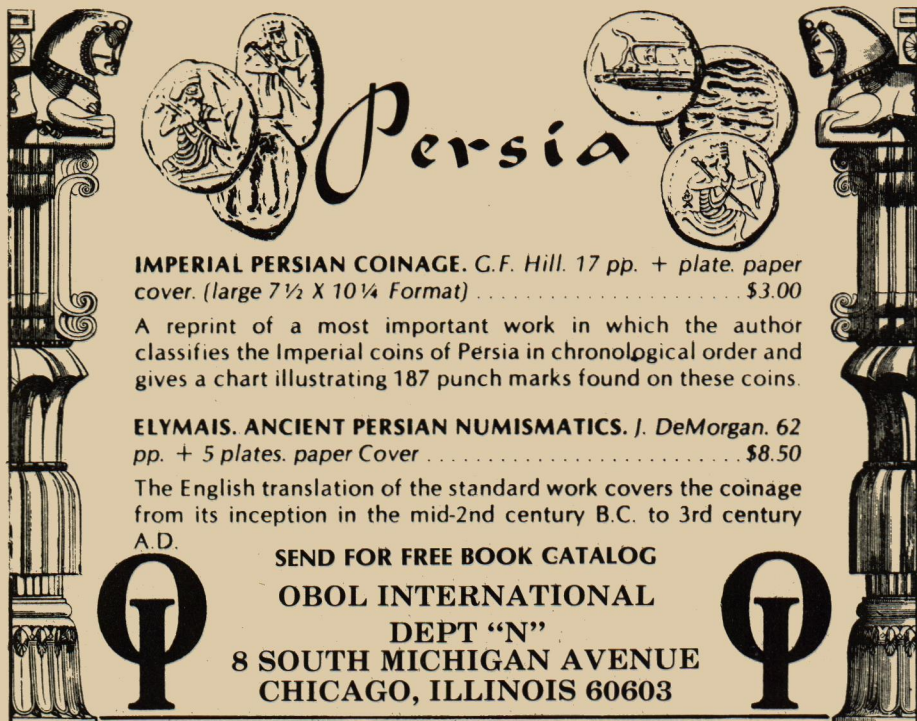
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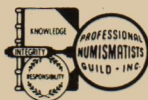
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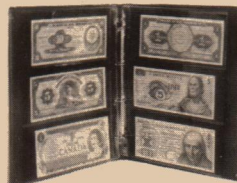
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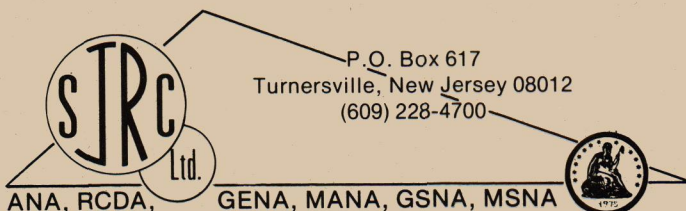
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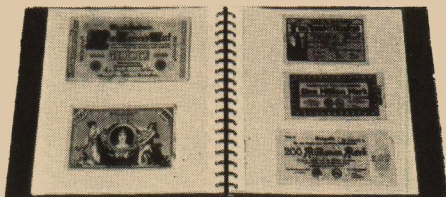
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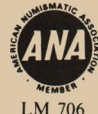
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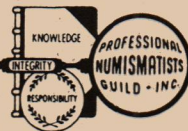


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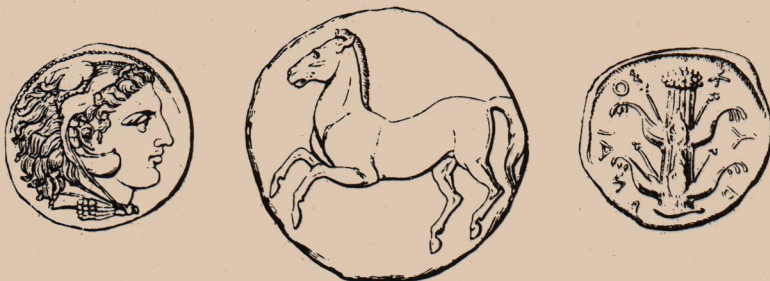
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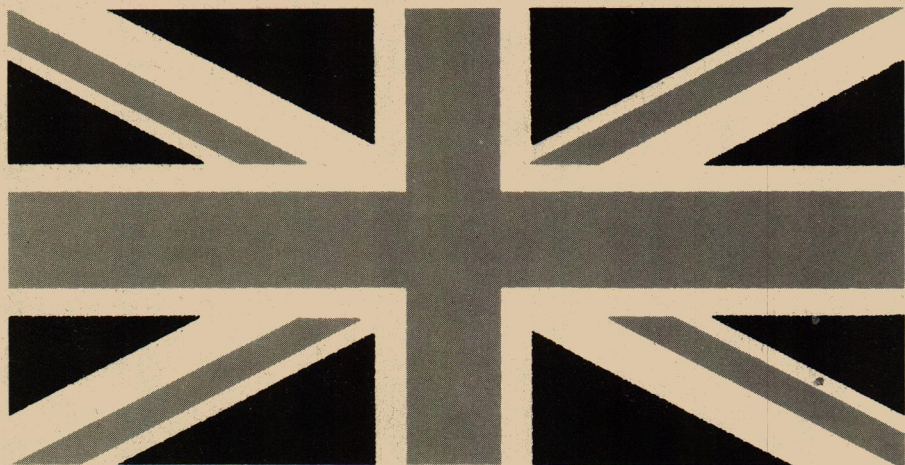
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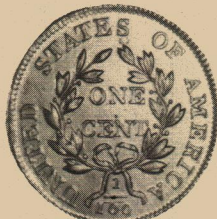
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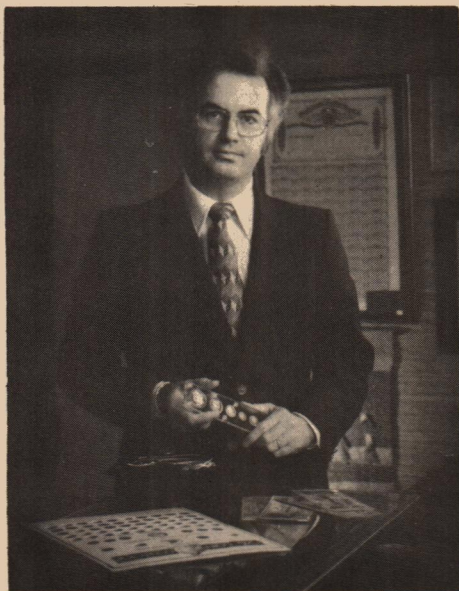
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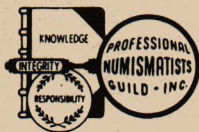
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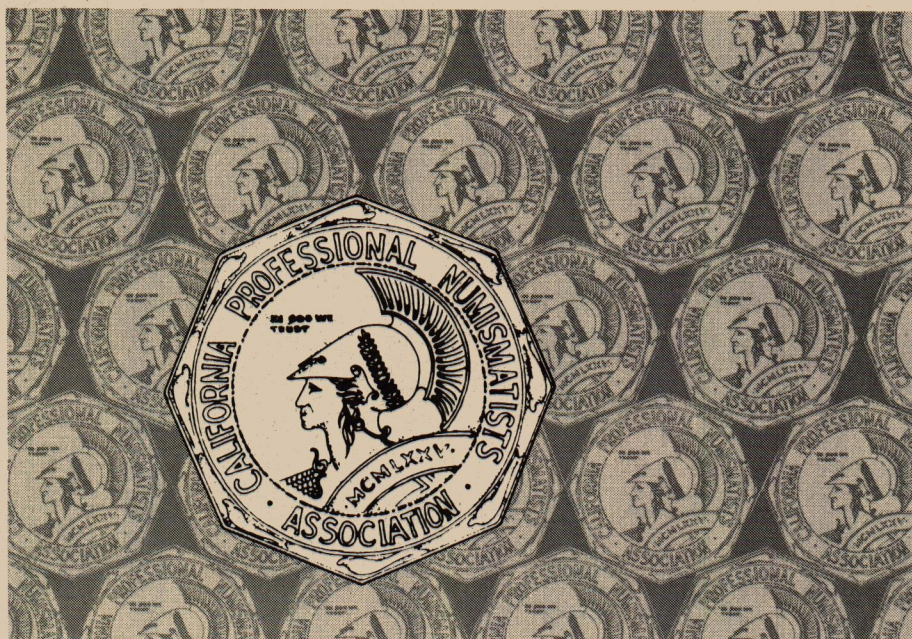
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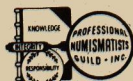
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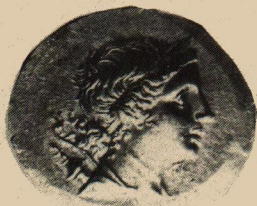
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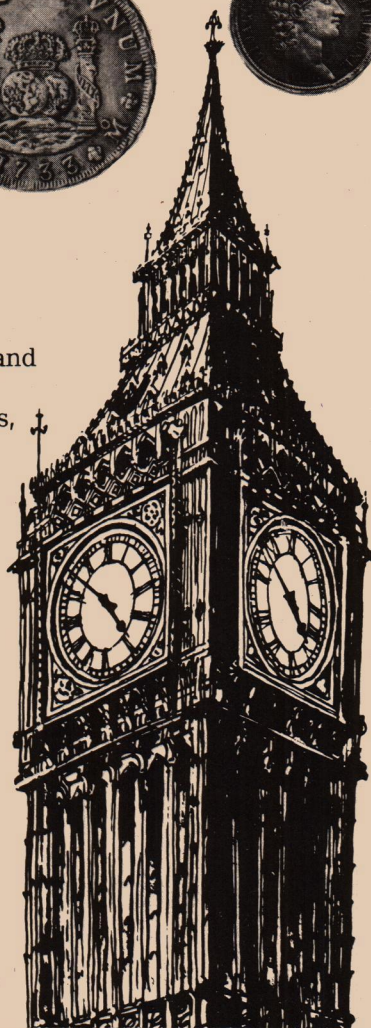


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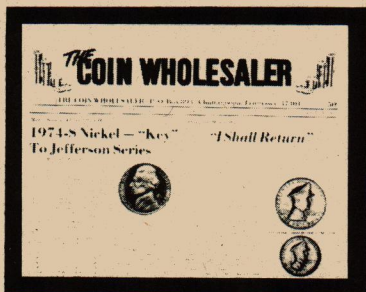
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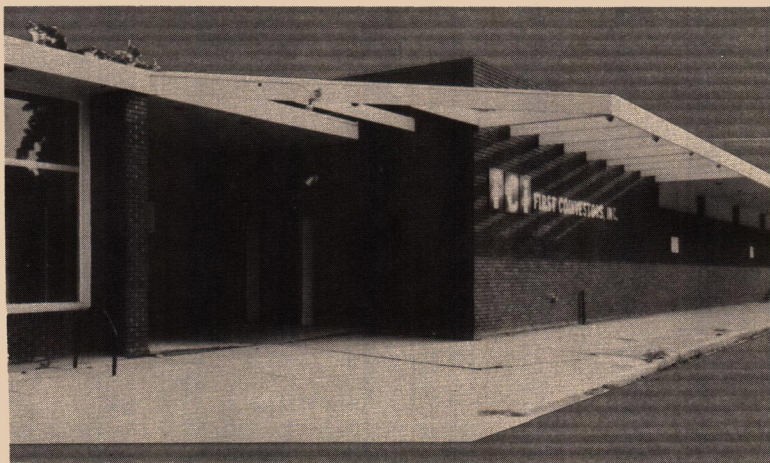
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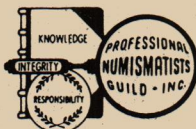
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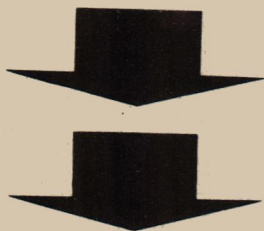
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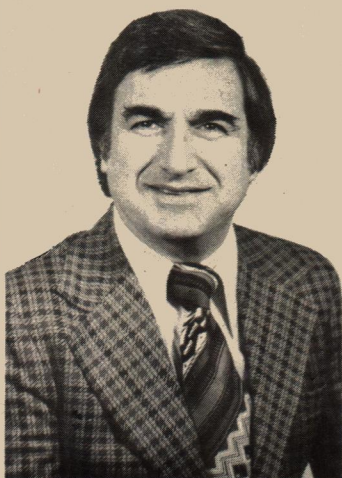
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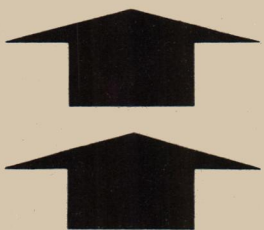
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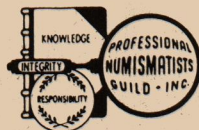
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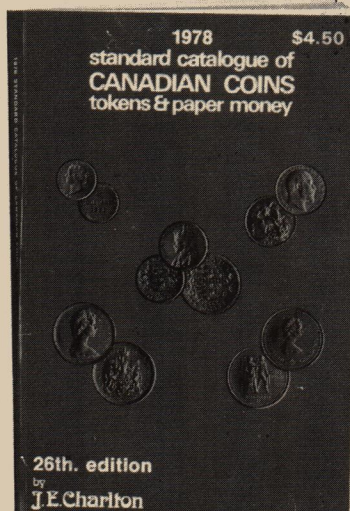


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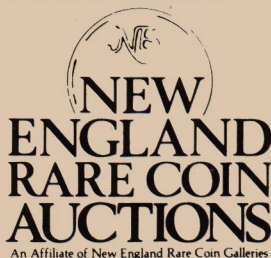
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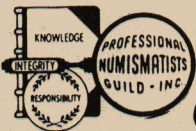
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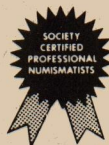


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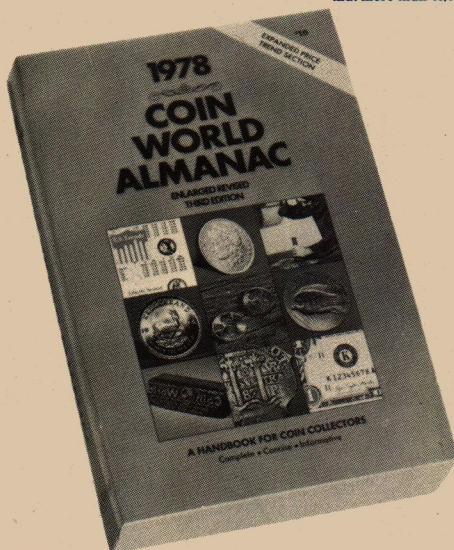
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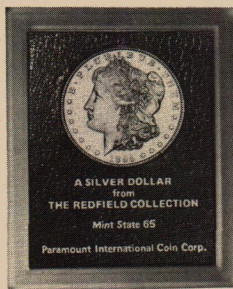
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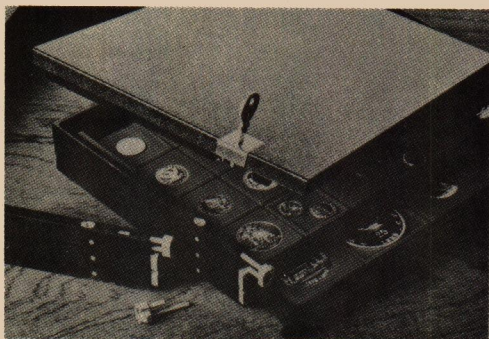
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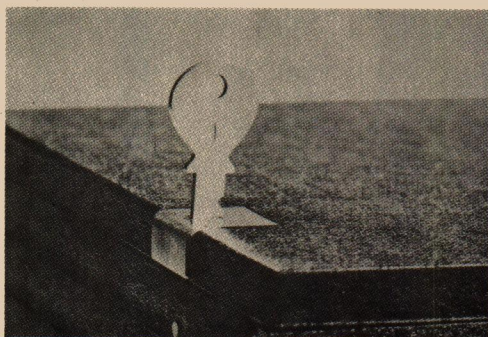


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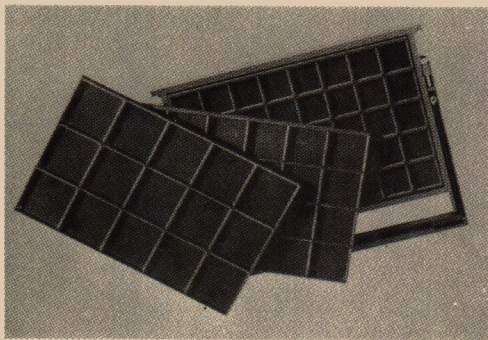
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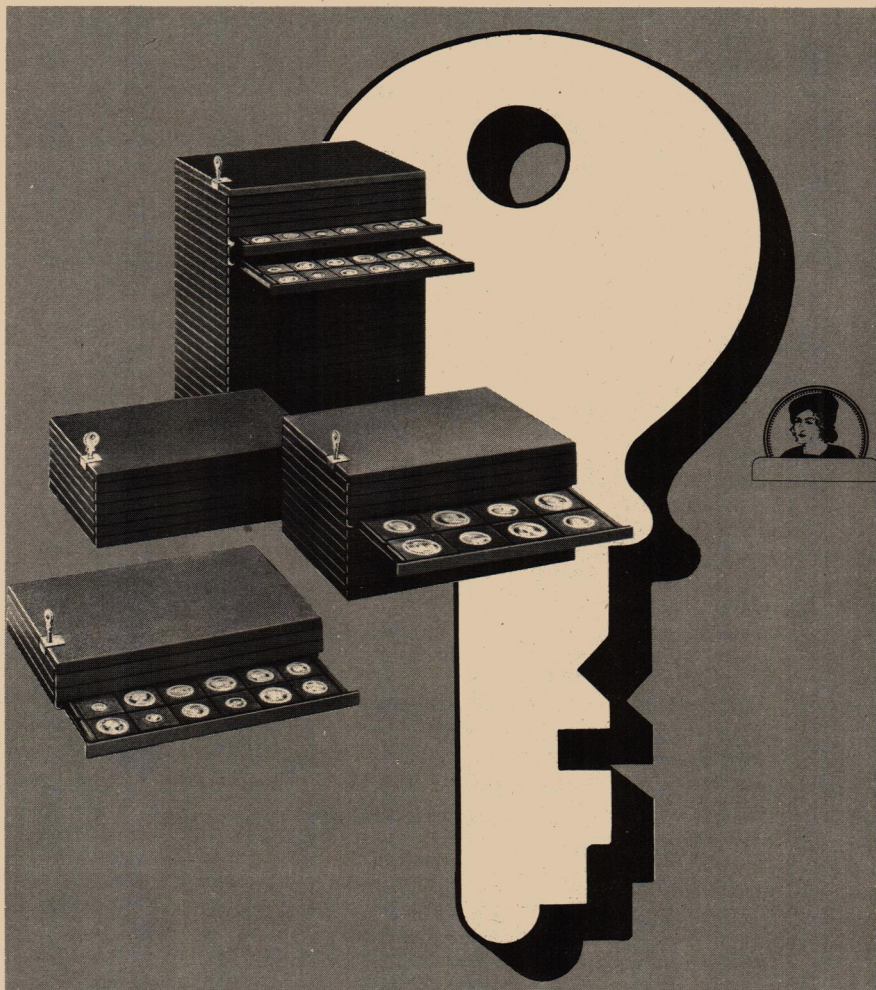
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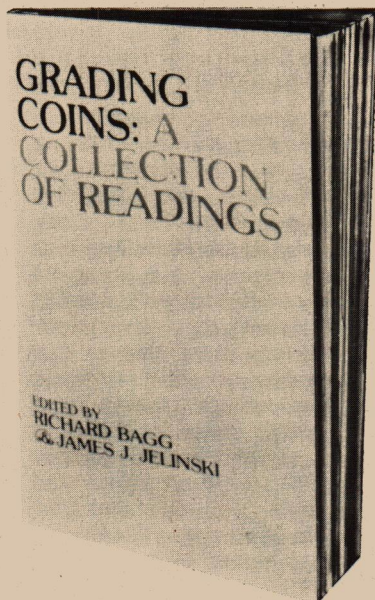
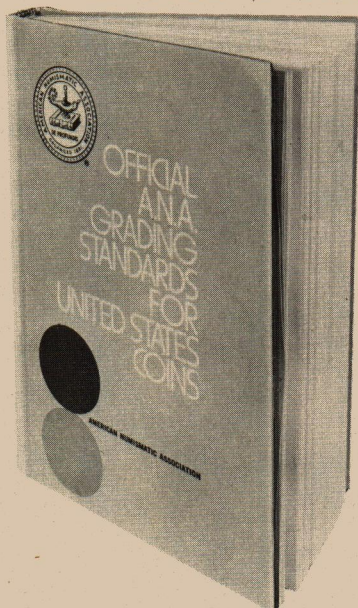
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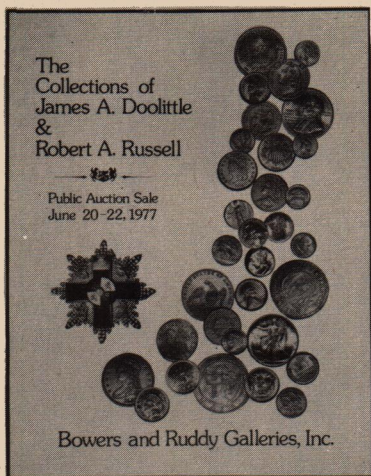
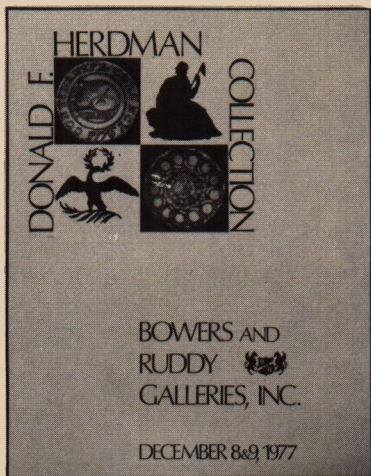
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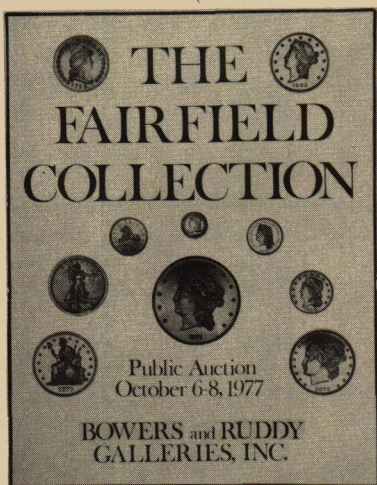
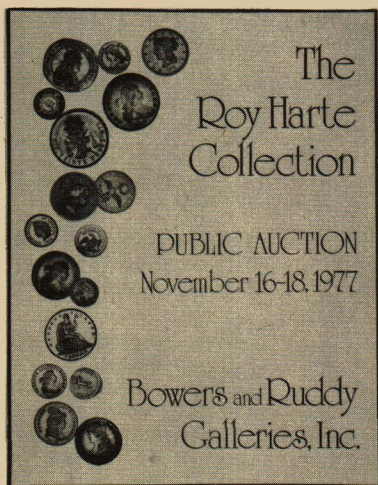
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- R-95527 **Allen R. Varney**, Box 271, Culbertson, NE 69024. Lyle E. Williamson, Jr., Ray Rose

- 2 SALINAS, CA. Masonic Temple, 48 San Joaquin St. 10th Annual Coin Show of the Salinas Valley Coin Club. Gordon D. Rammer, 1360 Josselyn Cyn. Rd., No. 18, Monterey, CA 93940.
- 8-9 EUREKA, CA. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. 12th Annual Coin Show of the Eureka Coin Club. Harry Dixon, P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501.
- 15-16 PUEBLO, CO. Holiday Inn, 4001 N. Elizabeth and I-25. Pueblo Coin Club 15th Annual Coin Show. Maurice Ostby, P.O. Box 11586, Pueblo, CO 81001.
- 16 VENTURA, CA. Holiday Inn, 450 E. Harbor Blvd. Spring Coin Show sponsored by the Ventura County Coin Club. Don Holladay, P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93003.
- 21-23 SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary. 62nd Semi-annual Convention and Coin Show of the California State Numismatic Assn. sponsored by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. George Russell, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.
- 27-30 LOS ANGELES, CA. Airport Park Hotel. Society for International Numismatics Sixth Annual Convention and Coin Show. James Betton, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.
- 28 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. Sportsman's Lodge. 5th Annual Israel Holyland Expo sponsored by the Israel Numismatic Societies of San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles. Murray Singer, 122 N. Detroit, Los Angeles, CA 90036.
- 28-30 OGDEN, UT. Holiday Inn, 33rd and Washington Blvd. Ogden Coin Club's 6th Annual Northern Utah Coin Show. L.E. Gibson, P.O. Box 1175, Ogden, UT 84402.
- MAY
1 VALLEJO, CA. Dan Foley Cultural Center. Sixth Annual Coin Show of the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.
- JULY
9-15 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Colorado College. 10th Annual Summer Seminar. ANA headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

FOREIGN

- MARCH
11-12 ABBOTSFORD, B.C., CANADA. Legion Hall. 1978 Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Pete Sweeten, Box 13, Abbotsford, B.C., Canada, V2S 4N7.
- APRIL
1 PARIS, FRANCE. Hotel P.L.M. St. Jacques, 17th block of St. Jacques. The 18th Salon Numismatique International (International Numismatic Convention). Madame Charton, 4 Rue Desire Charton, 93100 Montreuil, France.
- 20-22 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. Maria Isabel Sheraton Hotel, Paseo de la Reforma No. 325. Annual Convention of the Sociedad Numismatica (Numismatic Society) de Mexico, A.C. SNM, Eugenia 13 Desp. 301, Mexico 18, D.F., Mexico.
- MAY
27-28 OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA. R.A. Centre, Riverside Drive. City of Ottawa Coin Show. COCC, P.O. Box 6094, Stn. "J", Ottawa, K2A 1T2, Ontario, Canada.
- JUNE
2-4 VINELAND, ONTARIO, CANADA. Prudhommes Garden Centre. 16th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association. St. Catharines Coin, P.O. Box 1492, St. Catharines, Ontario.

FUTURE ANA CONVENTIONS

- AUGUST
21-26 HOUSTON, TX. 87th Anniversary Convention. Astro-World Hotels. General Chairman: Mrs. Chris Johns, P.O. Box 90156, Houston, TX 77090.
- 14-19 ST. LOUIS, MO. 88th Anniversary Convention. Chase Park-Plaza Hotel. General Chairman: Bernice F. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131.
- 19-24 CINCINNATI, OH. 89th Anniversary Convention. Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers. General Chairman to be announced.
- 25-30 HONOLULU, HI. 90th Anniversary Convention. Hilton Hawaiian Village. General Chairman to be announced.
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membership report

Applications C-95056 through J-95246, LM-2131 through LM-2140, and LM-2155 through LM-2169, as published in the January issue, have been accepted for membership.

The following applications were received in January, 1978. If no objections are filed prior to April 1, 1978, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the May, 1978, issue.

APRIL

- 2 MARION, IN. Grant County 4-H Building, one mile east of the courthouse on State Highway 18. Marion Coin Club 20th Annual Show. W. Ray Lockwood, Marion Coin Club, P.O. Box 93, Marion, IN 46952.
- WARREN, MI. UAW Region One Hall, 12000 East Twelve Mile Road between Hoover and Schoenherr Roads. Annual Spring Show of the Warren Coin Club. Jerry Parsons, c/o WCC, P.O. Box 592, Warren, MI 48090.
- 9 WILLOWICK, OH. Willowick Community Center, 321 E. 314th St. Thirteenth Annual Willowick Coin Club Show. WCC, P.O. Box 129, Wickliffe, OH 44092.
- 16 DUBUQUE, IA. Julien Motor Inn, 200 Main Street. Key City Coin Club Annual Coin Show. KCCC, P.O. Box 1274, Dubuque, IA 52001.
- 22-23 FORT MADISON, IA. Sacred Heart Hall, 2208 Ave. I. Fort Madison Coin Club Spring Hobby Show. Daniel Gabel, Jr., 18 Oak Drive, Ft. Madison, IA 52627.
- 23 OWATONNA, MN. V.F.W. Club at the Oakdale Shopping Center, Highway 65 South across from the Cedar Mall. Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Owatonna Coin and Stamp Club. OCSC, Route 4, Box 299, Owatonna, MN 55060.
- MAY
- 12-14 ST. LOUIS, MO. Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, 212 N. Kings Highway. Central States Numismatic Society 39th Anniversary Convention. Mrs. John S. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131.
- JUNE
- 2-5 MEMPHIS, TN. Holiday Inn-Rivermont. Memphis Coin Club's International Paper Money Show. Mike Crabb, P.O. Box 17871, Memphis, TN 38117.
- 17-18 KALAMAZOO, MI. Hilton Inn-Kalamazoo Center, 100 W. Michigan Ave. Michigan State Numismatic Society's 22nd Annual Spring Convention and Coin Show, co-hosted by the Holland Coin Club and the Kalamazoo Numismatic Club. Charles A. Fenwick, 1126 Reycraft Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 or Philip Chilcote, 2602 B Riverview Dr., Apt. 8, North Muskegon, MI 49445.

SOUTH**MARCH**

- 3-5 ATLANTA, GA. Dunfey's Royal Coach Inn, I-75 at Howell Mill Road. 14th Annual Convention of the Georgia Numismatic Association. Jack Hancock, Lenox Towers, Suite 835, 3400 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30326.
- 11-12 MERIDIAN, MS. Frank Cochran Center. 17th Annual Convention and Coin Show of the Mississippi Numismatic Association. Mrs. H.L. Brewer, P.O. Box 951, Meridian, MS 39301.
- 18-19 COCOA BEACH, FL. Cape Colony Inn Convention Center, 1275 North Atlantic Avenue. Space Coast Coin Club Spring Coin Show. SPCC, P.O. Box 101, Merritt Island, FL 32952.
- FORT SMITH, AR. Fort Smith Municipal Auditorium, 55 South 7th Street. 23rd Annual Spring Coin Show of the Albert Pike Numismatic Society. Sue Strain, 2410 S. M Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901.

APRIL

- 1-2 MARIETTA, GA. Holiday Inn, I-75 N. at Lockheed-Dobbins Exit (Delk Road). Marietta/Smyrna Coin Show. Tom Warren, P.O. Box 1321, Smyrna, GA 30080.
- 14-16 DALLAS, TX. Fairmont Hotel. 20th Annual Texas Numismatic Association Convention hosted by the Dallas Coin Club. C.C. Andrews, P.O. Box 7673, Dallas, TX 75209.
- 29-30 LAWTON, OK. Gateway Sandpiper Inn, 2202 Hwy. 277 North. Annual Coin and Stamp Show sponsored by the Comanche County Coin Club. Grady Leatherwood, Box 5551, Lawton, OK 73504.

MAY

- 20-21 LAFAYETTE, GA. Lafayette Municipal Park Recreation Center. 16th Annual Coin Show of the LaFayette Coin and Stamp Club. Louis Arden, LCC, P.O. Box 189, LaFayette, GA 30728.

JUNE

- 10-11 RALEIGH, NC. Kerr Scott Building at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Raleigh Coin Club 5th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Halbert Carmichael, Box 18801, Raleigh, NC 27609.
- 17-18 DALLAS, TX. Sheraton Inn, Dallas Northeast, LBJ Freeway (I-635) at Jupiter Road. Annual Coin Show of the Garland Coin Club. Billy D. Gilbreath, P.O. Box 401303, Garland, TX 75040.

WEST**MARCH**

- 3-5 COEUR D'ALENE, ID. North Shore Motel and Convention Center. Annual Coin and Antique Show of the Coeur d'Alene Coin Club. Bill Duff, 1137 N. 14th St., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.
- 4-5 SEATTLE, WA. Sherwood Motor Inn, 400 N.E. 45th (next to I-5). 12th Annual Coin Exhibition of the University Coin Club. UCC, 20121-1st Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98148.
- 12 SUNLAND, CA. Sterling's Restaurant, 8737 Fenwick St., behind Sunland Park, corner of Foothill and Sunland Blvd. Lucky 13th Annual Coin Show of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club. Rick Gordon, 10545 Whitegate Ave., Sunland, CA 91040.
- 18 FULLERTON, CA. Holiday Inn of Fullerton, Riverside Freeway 91 at Harbor Blvd. 10th Annual Numismatic Educational Symposium sponsored by the California State Numismatic Association. William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707.
- 19 SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness Ave. at Geary St. 15th Annual Coin Fair sponsored by the San Francisco Coin Club. John Sears, P.O. Box 6028, San Francisco, CA 94101.

APRIL

- 1-2 FORT COLLINS, CO. Holiday Inn. Annual Spring Show of the Fort Collins Coin Club. Buell Borden, P.O. Box 1612, Fort Collins, CO. 80521.

- 19 DANBURY, CT. American Legion Hall, 40 Elm Street. Danbury Coin Club Spring Show. DCC, P.O. Box 1074, Danbury, CT 06810.
- APRIL**
- 1-2 CHAMBERSBURG, PA. Holiday Inn, Exit 5 of Interstate 81. Annual Coin Show of the Friendly Coin Club of Chambersburg. Charles W. Leidig, 1214 Scotland Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201.
FREDERICK, MD. Frederick High School, West Patrick St. Catocoin Coin Club 17th Annual Coin Show. Guy Whidden, P.O. Box 1304, Frederick, MD 21701.
VALLEY FORGE, PA. Valley Forge Holiday Inn, King of Prussia. Coin Show of the Valley Forge Coin Club. VFCC, P.O. Box 587, Valley Forge, PA 19481.
- 2 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Monthly coin show of the Capital District Coin Dealers Assn. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
FAIRLAWN, NJ. Fairlawn A.C., Fairlawn Ave. and Parmelee Ave., behind the library near the municipal building. 8th Annual Coin Show of the Fairlawn Coin Club. Eugene Meletta, P.O. Box 113, Hawthorne, NJ 07506.
- 8-9 POTTSTOWN, PA. Holiday Inn, Route 100 and King Street. Central Pennsylvania Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show. Chester Hoover, P.O. Box 555, Reading, PA 19603.
- 9 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.
- 15 ELLSWORTH, ME. Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium, State Street. 1st Annual Trading Session of the Maine Numismatic Society. Peter Jordan, Pond Ave., Ellsworth, ME 14605.
- 15-16 PIKESVILLE, MD. Baltimore Hilton Inn at the Baltimore Beltway, Route 695, Exit 20, and Reisterstown Road, Route 140. 6th Annual Convention and Show of the Maryland State Numismatic Assn. William A. Lenz, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, MD 21219.
ROANOKE, VA. Tanglewood Mall, Routes 419 and 220. L.W. Booth, Box 1991, Roanoke, VA 24009.
- 16 HAZLETON, PA. Gus Genetti's Lodge, Route 309 North. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Anthracite Coin Club. J.J. Kanes, 669 McKinley St., Hazleton, PA 18201.
- 29-30 CUMBERLAND, MD. Fort Cumberland Hotel, downtown. Western Maryland Coin Club Annual Coin Show. George Waingold, P.O. Box 3217, LaVale, MD 21502.
- MAY**
- 4-7 NEW YORK CITY, NY. New York Sheraton Hotel, 56th Street and 7th Avenue. Sixth Annual Greater New York Coin Convention Ltd. held simultaneously with the American Israel Numismatic Association, Inc. AINA, P.O. Box 499, Fresh Meadow Station, Flushing, NY 11365.
- 7 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Monthly coin show of the Capital District Coin Dealers Assn. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
PETERSBURG, VA. Ramada Inn, off Exit 3 of Interstate I-95. Southside Virginia Numismatic Association Coin and Stamp Show. Gerald Perry, 1105 Terrace Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860.
- 7-8 SHIPPENSBURG, PA. Community Center, North Fayette St. Exit 9 of Interstate 81. 15th Annual Coin Show of the Shippensburg Coin Club, SCC, P.O. Box 165, Shippensburg, PA 17257.
- 14 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.
- JUNE**
- 4 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Monthly coin show of the Capital District Coin Dealers Assn. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
- 11 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

CENTRAL

- MARCH**
- 3-5 SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH. Somerset Inn, 3550 Northfield Road. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Warrensville Heights Coin Club. Lou Irwin, 20320 Farnsleigh Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122.
- 11-12 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. Sheraton Inn, 33rd Ave. S.W. Coin Show of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club. Jim Hamling, 4312 Twin Pine Drive, N.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.
INDIANA, PA. Rustic Lodge, Route 286 South. Indiana Coin Club 20th Annual Spring Coin Show. Carlo V. Stabile, Box 91, Lucerne Mines, PA 15754.
- 12 EAST DETROIT, MI. Eagle's Hall, 14855 Eight Mile Road, one block west of Gratiot Ave. Annual Spring Show of the East Detroit Coin Club. Lucian Chojcecki, c/o EDCC, P.O. Box 44, East Detroit, MI 48021.
MT. PLEASANT, MI. Holiday Inn, U.S. 27-M20. Mid-Michigan Numismatic Society's Coin Show. Stanley Bronson, 114 N. Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.
ROCHESTER, MN. Mayo Civic Auditorium, 30 S.E. 2nd Ave. North Hall. Coin Sale sponsored by the Rochester Coin Club. RCC, Box 702, Rochester, MN 55901.
WAUKESHA, WI. Waukesha Exposition Center Youth Building. Waukesha Coin Show. Leo Neidinger, c/o WCC, P.O. Box 231, Brookfield, WI 53005.
- 17-19 CHATTANOOGA, TN. Quality Inn South, I-75. 13th Annual Show of the Tennessee State Numismatic Society. Ruth W. Armstrong, 1501 Akins Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

Nominate Your Outstanding Club Representative

Has your club representative improved the image of numismatics in your community? Has the use of educational material at club meetings been promoted by your representative? Has he or she encouraged the participation of members and community in National Coin Week?

Members of the San Bernardino Coin Club answered, "Yes!" to these and other questions and nominated the winner of the 1977 Outstanding Club Representative Award, Bryan O. Burke, Jr. Burke, a high school history teacher by trade, not only promotes numismatics at school, club and community, but was an active participant in the restoration of the old San Francisco Mint.

Established in 1966, the Outstanding Club Representative Award pays tribute to the people who unselfishly promote numismatics and the ANA locally. Most often, these fine people are not given credit for the time and effort they expend in promoting our hobby. A fitting thank you is given an ANA representative when your club nominates him or her for this tribute.

Nominations should be typed and submitted by a club officer and should include a biographical sketch of the nominee, as well as a photo for publication if he or she is selected. In addition, a resume of the representative's activities should be mailed by July 1 to the ANA Club Program, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Presentation will be made at the Annual Club Representative Breakfast at the ANA's 87th Anniversary Convention during August in Houston, Texas.

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- 4-5 **BURNHAM, PA.** Holiday Inn, Route 322. Lewistown Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Walter C. Biddle, RD #1, Box 161-A-1, Lewistown, PA 17044.
- LEBANON, PA.** Lebanon Treadway Inn, Quentin Road and Poplar Streets. 33rd Semi-annual Coin Show of the Lebanon Valley Coin Club. Ken Zimmerman, 41 Jay Ann Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042.
- 5 **ALBANY, NY.** Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Monthly show of the Capital District Coin Dealers Assn. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.
- 12 **SYRACUSE, NY.** Sheraton Motor Inn, Electronics Pkwy. and Seventh North Street at Exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. Monthly coin show of the Onondaga Numismatic Assn. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.
- WEST HAVEN, CT.** Knights of Columbus Hall, 263 Center Street. 28th Semi-Annual Coin Show and Second Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Liberty Coin Club. LCC, West Haven, CT 06516.
- 18-19 **VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.** Mariner Resort Motor Inn on the ocean front at 57th St. 22nd Annual Coin-A-Rama sponsored by the Tidewater Coin Club. TCC, P.O. Box 7251, Norfolk, VA 23509.

Number	Name & Location	Cash	Material
YN-4125	Thomas E. Stephens, Seal Beach, Calif.	10.00	
GB-4144	Ronald J. Fritz, Yonkers, N.Y.	10.00	
A-4146	Albert Rosen, Ontario, Canada	10.00	
M-4147	Louis A. Doben, West Orange, N.J.	20.00	
G-4150	Jack D. Leslie, Speedway, Ind.	10.00	
A-4154	Jack F. Russell, Kalamazoo, Mich.	10.00	
M-4157	James Ripel, Morris Plains, N.J.	10.00	
G-4162	Gerald T. Kendik, Bethlehem, Pa.	10.00	
V-4163	Ira Lipschitz, Brooklyn, N.Y.	10.00	
M-4166	William E. Stockum, Hainesport, N.J.	10.00	
L-4167	William S. Kingman, Laguna Hills, Calif.	25.00	
L-4168	Roger J. Friske, Marcellus, N.Y.	20.00	
V-4169	Morris M. Wagner, South Euclid, Ohio.	38.00	
GB-4171	Warren G. Hess, Ontarioville, Ill.	10.00	
V-4172	William R. Tripp, La Grange Highland, Ill.	20.00	
YN-4173	Bernard Schaaf, Lafayette, Ind.	10.00	
V-4174	Thomas M. Mitchonie, Columbus, Ohio	12.00	
A-4176	Francis M. Davis, Virginia Beach, Va.	29.00	
YN-4184	G.T. Jones, Bay Village, Ohio	10.00	
M-4186	B.L. Sellers, Niceville, Fla.	13.00	
Total		\$13,299.37	\$18,077.68

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(To be continued)

Nominations Solicited for Annual "Great Lady of ANA Award"

During its meeting in Atlanta last August, the ANA board of governors authorized the establishment of the Faye Rochette Memorial Fund to be used to perpetuate the memory of the recently deceased wife of ANA executive vice president Edward C. Rochette. Administration of the fund is in the hands of a committee composed of William C. Henderson, Chmn., Fredric Mantei, Jr., and Edward C. Rochette.

The form of this memorial is to be a "Great Lady of ANA Award," to be presented to the recipient at the banquet of the association's annual convention. ANA members may submit nominations for the award, prior to March 15, to: Faye Rochette Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

In the words of the committee: "Anyone nominated for this award must be a member of the ANA but shall not be an officer of it. Consideration shall be given to the nominee who best exemplifies the many traits and characteristics of the one whom this award honors: sincerity, friendliness, compassion, frankness, dedication, enthusiasm and the possession of an ebullient and high-spirited personality.

"The selection of the recipient for this award shall be vested solely with the Faye Rochette Memorial Award committee, and the selection shall be made from the list of nominations submitted."

Since the announcement was made during the Atlanta convention of the establishment of this fund, it has grown to an amount sufficient to insure that the award will be funded for several years. However, friends of the late Faye Rochette are invited to add to the fund by sending contributions to the Faye Rochette Memorial Fund at ANA headquarters.

Should the fund grow enough to permit it, an appropriate exhibit of Colorado memorabilia may be placed in one of the headquarters museums as a further memorial.

Number	Name & Location	Cash	Material
M-3958	Robert E. Bender, Zionsville, Ind.	13.00	
A-3962	John W. Mowry, New Brighton, Pa.	25.00	
G-3965	Edwin R. Shapiro, Teaneck, N.J.	25.00	
L-3966	Arch McDonald, Los Gatos, Calif.	10.00	
G-3968	Harry G. Troth, Jr., Collingswood, N.J.	25.00	
M-3969	James L. Sawyer, Snellville, Ga.	10.00	
GE-3972	Paul C. Brockman, Arlington Hts., Ill.	13.00	
L-3973	John K. Karlovic, Benton Harbor, Mich.	10.00	
M-3975	Richard Duszynski, Pasadena, Calif.	10.00	
G-3978	Isabel M. Bradford, Charlotte, N.C.	38.00	
L-3981	Richard C. Berliner, Lincolnwood, Ill.	25.00	
R-3983	Elizabeth Alexander, Everett, Wash.	10.00	
YN-3990	Loren S. Cotton, San Diego, Calif.	13.00	
GB-3992	Norman W. Pullen, South Casco, Maine	25.00	
G-3995	Harriet L. Toney, North Jackson, Ohio	10.00	
G-4001	Robert P. Serles, South Orange, N.J.	10.00	
G-4002	Martha O. Wanbaugh, Camp Hill, Pa.	10.00	
A-4004	Donald F. Kaatz, Denver, Colo.	20.00	
M-4005	A.C. Selander, Yakima, Wash.	10.00	
YN-4006	John Clark, Rochester, N.Y.	10.00	
A-4007	Harry Schwimmer, Chicago, Ill.	23.00	
GB-4009	Milton Bentley, Montgomery, Minn.	10.00	
L-4010	Rose Roebber, Chicago, Ill.	13.00	
G-4012	Margaret Primm, Marion, Ohio	10.00	
L-4017	John Dittman, North Platte, Neb.	10.00	
A-4020	Mike Benglis, Lake Charles, La.	10.00	
M-4021	Arthur S. Boraca, Chicago, Ill.	50.00	
G-4023	Laurese B. Katen, Silver Spring, Md.	25.00	
L-4025	Herbert Gilliland, Jr., Gainesville, Fla.	10.00	
V-4030	Herman Miller, New York, N.Y.	10.00	
YN-4034	M.L. Hicks, Bethesda, Md.	10.00	
GB-4036	Julian M. Kurtz, Opelousas, La.	10.00	
G-4039	Hugh VanValkenburgh, Palo Alto, Calif.	10.00	
M-4042	Viola P. Brerewood, Cambridge, Md.	15.00	
GB-4048	Raymond B. Frank, Jr., Watertown, N.Y.	13.00	
L-4053	Clarence E. Lee, Sun City, Ariz.	10.00	
A-4056	James Payette, Bethlehem, N.H.	10.00	
M-4057	Basil P. Toutorsky, Washington, D.C.	15.00	
V-4058	Lawrence Kupferman, Newton Centre, Mass.	30.00	
M-4059	William J. Carr, Pittsford, N.Y.	13.00	
YN-4060	Charlotte A. Carvell, Brinkley, Ariz.	10.00	
YN-4062	Joe Flynn, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.	10.00	
L-4064	Earle H. Loveless, Wichita, Kan.	12.00	
L-4065	Victor R. Catts, Martinsville, N.J.	15.00	
M-4072	J. Claude Jordan, Weston, W. Va.	10.00	
YN-4073	Violet Peters, Decatur, Ill.	25.00	
YN-4074	E.L. Brady II, Buffalo, N.Y.	13.00	
YN-4078	Doris Demers, Los Angeles, Calif.	10.00	
YN-4081	Walter M. Burks, Jr., Shawnee Mission, Kan.	10.00	
GB-4082	Barry I. Saul, Hewlett, N.Y.	13.00	
A-4089	Lewis W. Cellio, Columbus, Ohio	13.00	
V-4090	Scott C. McElvain, FE Warren AFB, Wyo.	18.00	
YN-4092	Everett W. Billeb, Baltimore, Md.	18.00	
G-4095	James A. Vander Helm, Akron, Iowa	25.00	
A-4096	Robert R. Cook, Orange, N.J.	15.00	
G-4098	John J. Simplinski, Albany, N.Y.	10.00	
G-4099	Jesse W. Townsend, Knoxville, Tenn.	15.00	
YN-4106	George Kinjo, Honolulu, Hawaii	10.00	
G-4108	Richard G. Bigler, Goshen, Ind.	13.00	
YN-4109	Richard J. Brady, Flushing, N.Y.	10.00	
A-4115	E.I. Robertson, Nampa, Idaho	20.00	
GB-4116	L.R. Bogaev, Jonesboro, Ark.	13.00	
M-4117	Charlie E.D. Hillman, Oakland, Calif.	10.00	
YN-4118	Patrick D. James, Uncasville, Conn.	15.00	
A-4119	Henry O. Noffsinger, Lafayette, Calif.	10.00	
V-4121	Robert H. Coggeshall, Albany, N.Y.	15.00	
YN-4124	Wayne R. Sorin, Brooklyn, N.Y.	10.00	

Donation Report

Number	Name & Location	Cash	Material
M-10686	Lucille Prock Bisbee, Philadelphia, Pa.		\$ 4,770.00
L-10687	Neil Levine, Sherman Oaks, Calif.		126.00
YN-10688	Donald Apte, Inc., Falls Church, Va.	\$ 100.00	
M-10689	Lucien L. Birkler & Co., Washington, D.C.	100.00	
M-10690	Golden Eagle Coin Exchange, Adelphi, Md.	25.00	
M-10691	Lincoln National Sales Corporation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.		No stated value
M-10692	Southeastern Currency, Goldsboro, N.C.		1,377.00
YN-G-10693	John Gabarron, Lincoln, Neb.	55.00	
G-10696	Greater Houston Coin Club, Houston, Texas	25.00	
G-10697	Richard & Geneva Karlson, Colorado Springs, Colo.	25.00	
M-10698	Paul R. Peel, Colorado Springs, Colo.		1,206.00
M-10699	International Coins & Currency, Inc., Montpelier, Vt.		200.00
M-10700	H. Joseph & Gail B. Levine, Alexandria, Va.		200.00
M-10701	J. Roy Pennell, Jr., Anderson, S.C.		2,045.00
M-10702	North American Coin Co., Wethersfield, Conn.		750.00
L-10703	Rich Hartzog, Rockford, Ill.		18.00
L-10704	John J. Gabarron, Lincoln, Neb.		1,004.00
G-10705	R.W. Julian, Logansport, Ind.	1,930.00	
YN-GB-10706	Gerald Kendall, Houston, Texas	10.00	
G-10707	Edward K. Moss, Washington, D.C.	15.00	
L-10708	Frank C. Vass, Charlotte, N.C.	15.00	
GE-10709	Kenneth Goldman, Boston, Mass.	100.00	
LA-10710	The Bass Foundation, Dallas, Texas	5,000.00	
GE-10711	Sylvia Novack, San Bernardino, Calif.	25.00	
YN-10712	Charles H. Wolfe, Lakeside, Ohio	250.00	
YN-10713	Joseph H. Kuehnert, San Diego, Calif.	100.00	
M-10714	Hanover Numismatic Society, Hanover, Pa.		No stated value
L-10715	Neil Levine, Sherman Oaks, Calif.		126.00
M-10716	Arthur J. Smith, Miami, Fla.		200.00
M-10717	Bill Mertes, St. Cloud, Minn.		200.00
L-10718	Richard D. Dolloff, Portsmouth, N.H.		1,715.00
L-10719	Richard A. Long, Bandon, Ore.		284.28
L-10720	Sanford J. Durst, New York, N.Y.		522.50
L-10721	David L. Norton, Midland, Texas		46.00
L-10722	Lyn F. Knight, Overland Park, Kan.		1,095.00
L-10723	Dean Oakes, Iowa City, Iowa		1,095.00
M-10724	H.D. Allen, Truro, Nova Scotia		13.00
L-10725	L. Hornbeck, Washougal, Wash.		20.00
L-10726	Arthur M. Fitts III, West Newton, Mass.		54.00
M-10727	Arthur W. Tuttle, San Diego, Calif.		170.05
L-10728	Chicago Coin Club, Chicago, Ill.	25.00	
YN-10729	Ponterio & Wyatt Coin Galleries, San Diego, Calif.	50.00	
GB-10730	Edward Hipps, Levittown, Pa.	300.00	
G-10731	Ruth W. Bauer, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,500.00	
M-10732	New England Rare Coin Galleries, Boston, Mass.		516.00
L-10733	Neil Levine, Sherman Oaks, Calif.		126.00
GE-10734	Gary L. Young, Oakland, Calif.	100.00	
L-10735	H. Bartlett Wells, Washington, D.C.		118.70
GE-10736	Hancock & Harwell, Atlanta, Ga.	100.00	
L-10738	James D. Tilford, Jr., West Palm Beach, Fla.	20.00	
GB-10739	Greg Rohan, Shelton, Wash.	11.37	
YN-GB-10740	Coin World/Amos Press, Inc., Sidney, Ohio	1,000.00	
L-10741	Leopoldo Cancio, Washington, D.C.		20.00
M-10742	Associated Coin Exchange, Houston, Texas	10.00	
M-10743	Captain Arthur W. Tuttle, San Diego, Calif.		60.15
YN-10744	H. Edward Sollenberger, Chambersburg, Pa.	10.00	
YN-10745	Lee Minshull, Ann Arbor, Mich.	10.00	
L-3934	Jake B. Sureck, Oklahoma City, Okla.	10.00	
A-3938	W.H. Buttram, Sun City, Calif.	10.00	
G-3939	Nettie S. Marx, Denver, Colo.	10.00	
M-3941	Sid Levinson, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00	
L-3942	J. Roy Pennell, Jr., Anderson, S.C.	88.00	
M-3945	Harry Trout, El Cajon, Calif.	10.00	
M-3953	Charles D. Barnes, Jr., Albany, Mo.	10.00	
YN-3957	Mark L. Rollins, Sr., Valley Stream, N.Y.	10.00	

we are taking the first step in heading toward the 1000 member level."

The reasons for the plans to increase the membership are numerous. The primary reason is to expand the knowledge base of the organization which is essential if NI is to continue to expand and strengthen its many educational programs. Increased membership will also enable NI to hold the membership dues down at a reasonable level. Currently dues are just \$7 per year which includes one of the finest monthly publications in the field of international numismatics.

The membership drive will consist of several phases. One phase will involve a membership contest. In the contest, members who sign up new members will receive awards based upon the number of members they get to join NI. In addition, both the dealer and non-dealer member who sign up the most new members before the end of the contest on August 1, 1978 will receive a special award to be presented during the NI meeting at the 1978 ANA convention in Houston.

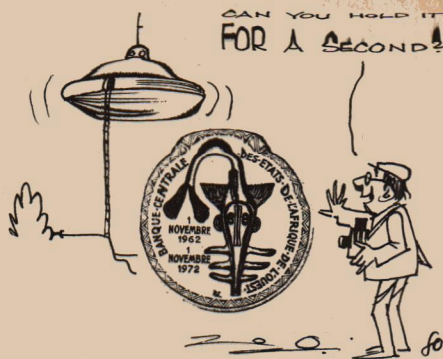
Other phases of the membership drive will concentrate on increasing the already excellent dealer support of NI, and another phase will involve direct mail contact with potential members.

Anyone wishing membership information may contact Charles Muchmore, Jr., Numismatics International, P.O. Box 30013, Dallas, TX 75230.

NECA Offers Exclusive on Doubling

Numismatic Error Collectors of America (NECA) has obtained an exclusive story on how machine doubling occurs on coins from Bill Fivaz, NECA's vice president. Fivaz recently visited the West Point minting facility with Arnold Margolis by special permission from the Treasury Department. (West Point is not open to the general public for any kind of tours.) The story will be shared with NECA members via *Errorscope*, the club's monthly publication.

NECA is dedicated to the study of how coins are made and the study of errors and how they occur. In addition to the



Errorscope, NECA members enjoy error authentication privileges, auctions, a lending library, inner club specialty groups, die lending library, and more. A sample copy of *Errorscope* can be obtained by sending \$1 to cover cost of postage and handling to Natalie Halpern, P.O. Box 170, New York, NY 10028.

AINA Members Receive Special Gift

Members of the American Israel Numismatic Association recently received one of the organization's most coveted gifts, the 1978 New Year's Token. The token was struck in Israel expressly for the group, including members who joined during the first 60 days of 1978.

The token, which features the name of the organization and the date in English and Hebrew letters on the obverse, is 30mm in diameter and is struck in cupronickel. The obverse for 1978 features the obverse of the official Israel Government medal struck to honor El Al Airlines in 1969. The obverse illustration is of a dove, wings outspread, with a verse from Isaiah (43, 6) stating: "Bring back my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth." This Biblical verse in Hebrew appears on the rim edge, except where the Hebrew letters for El Al are engraved.



An article on U.S. or foreign paper money at least once a month.

Articles by numismatists on their specialties as often as possible.

All articles on medals, exonomia, checks, tokens, sculptors, memorabilia, etc. limited to NO MORE THAN TWICE YEARLY!!!!!!

I am extending my membership in the hope that my views will be considered and submitted to the membership for their consideration also.

Larry L. Kinser, ANA 75632

notes and queries

Member Authors Fiction Novel

ANA member Joe L. Hensley's newest suspense novel, *A Killing in Gold*, will be released by Doubleday & Co. in late February. The book features a lawyer (who collects paper money) who is in the process of administering an estate. He finds certain coins in the estate have been switched for fakes and that collectors are dying mysteriously. The book is Hensley's sixth for Doubleday, world's largest royalty publisher.

Hensley is an Indiana lawyer, now a Circuit Court judge. He is also a partner in Madison Coin and Currency Co., a part time bourse and mail order firm familiar to those who attend shows in the Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky area. The book bears a dedication to Bird Saylor, a Louisville dealer, and Don C. Kelly, an Oxford, Ohio paper money dealer.

Persons desiring to order copies may do so through their local book store or direct from Doubleday, 501 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530, enclosing \$6.95 for each copy desired.

Sri Lanka Numismatic Society Issues Journal

The first issue of *The Sri Lanka Numismatist*, dated November 1977, was released in early January. The 38 page journal, which measures 5 1/4" x 8 1/4", is printed in hand set type and includes four pages of photographic plates of various coins.

The journal contains several interesting articles on the ancient coins of

Sri Lanka, starting with those issued several centuries before Christ; an article on the modern commemorative coins of Sri Lanka, including those of Ceylon; and a glossary of numismatic terms as well as advertisements by local coin dealers.

The Sri Lanka Numismatic Society, founded on December 15, 1976, now has a membership of 23 collectors residing in Sri Lanka and one abroad. Membership, according to their constitution, is open to collectors throughout the world. Annual subscription fee is 15 rupees, with an enrollment fee of 25 rupees for new members. Editor and secretary of the Society is R.M. Wickremesinha, who is an enthusiastic numismatist and is to be congratulated on the first issue of the journal as well as for his efforts in forming his country's first numismatic society.

Copies of the first issue of *The Sri Lanka Numismatist* are available from the Sri Lanka Numismatic Society, 3/2 Melder Place, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

Numismatics International Launches Membership Drive

The Numismatics International Board of Governors has announced plans for a membership drive to run this year through July. The goal of the drive is to add over 150 new members to NI during 1978. Charles Muchmore, Jr., NI vice-president, was appointed as chairman of the membership drive.

Muchmore noted, "NI with over 600 members throughout the world has not had the problems of declining membership over the past several years as many other organizations have had, but the membership has not increased as desired. There is no reason that NI should not have over 1000 members and

and another on *Inflation in Colonial America*. Both articles have a Table II of George II. Regrettably the inflation Table II was copied for the Irish article. The enclosed table is the correct one. Could you please include it as an errata in a future issue of *The Numismatist*. I would appreciate it. Sorry for the error.

A. George Mallis, R-29890

Table II

Proclamation of George II, August 29, 1737

Coin Name	Dwt.	Gr.	£	s	d
The moidore	6	22	1	9	3
The half moidore	3	11	0	14	8
The quarter moidore	1	17½	0	7	4
The quadruple pistol or double doubloon	17	8	3	13	0
The Spanish or French double pistol or doubloon or double Louis d'or	8	16	1	16	6
The Spanish or French pistol	4	8	0	18	3
The half Spanish or French pistol	2	4	0	9	2
The quarter Spanish or French pistol	1	2	0	4	7

Long Neglected

Belatedly I wish to compliment you and your staff for your judgement and the excellence of the photographs and layout used in Gerome Walton's fine article, "Dates on Nebraska National Currency" published in the October issue.

This article reflects many hundreds of hours of painstaking research and represents the first serious attempt to explain the methods of dating National Bank Notes. This problem has puzzled students of Nationals for many years, myself in particular.

This article represents a significant revelation and I wish to nominate Mr. Walton for whatever literary or numismatic award that may be available for work of this type.

I wish also to commend you for featuring the long neglected field of National Banks in your publication.

John T. Hickman, R-59131

Artist Recognizes Work

I received my copy of *The Numismatist* today and was pleasantly surprised to see a reproduction of my sketch of the current Denver Mint building with the article about the midyear convention.

I am writing to let you know that I feel honored that my work is of sufficient quality to be published in this journal of such stature.

To be printed in such excellent surroundings just has to enhance the product of my artistic efforts.

George Osborne, R-66848

Resignation Unfair...Without Saying Anything

I have been so disappointed in the conduct of the ANA, e.g. statements to the press, board member infighting, ANACS burgling (or entering, or whatever), etc. that I considered letting my membership expire.

I think, though, that my major disappointment is with the ANA magazine, *The Numismatist*.

I also think that it would be unfair of me to get out without saying anything.

This is what I would like to see in your magazine:

An in-depth article once a month on a type coin, either U.S. or foreign, preferably a design type from the "Golden Age" of coinage, i.e. before 1930.



The obverse design of each coin depicts the Queen on her throne in full coronation regalia. The legend, 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION, appears above and ELIZABETH II below. The reverse design features the Jamaican Coat of Arms, the dates 1953 and 1978, and the denomination.

The coins will be struck at Valcambi, S.A. of Switzerland. The \$25 silver coin will be minted in both proof and specimen uncirculated condition, while the \$100 gold coin will be available only in proof. Proofs of each denomination will be limited to a maximum mintage of 25,000 pieces. Uncirculated silver coins will be minted throughout the coronation anniversary year.

Inquiries may be directed to Bank of Jamaica, P.O. Box 621, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I., or to Paramount International Coin Corporation, Dept. 92, 600 Union Road, Englewood, OH 45322.

UNITED STATES — *Early Completion of '77 Proof Sets Announced*

Shipment of all 1977 proof coin set orders was completed on December 21, ten days sooner than the promised date on the ordering materials, Mrs. Stella B. Hackel, Director of the Mint, announced recently.

"We were pleased to have been able to complete the shipments of 3.2 million sets ordered several days ahead of schedule," Mrs. Hackel said. This accomplishment was due to the fine efforts of mint employees in both the Old San Francisco Mint and the San Francisco Assay Office. It is the Mint's objective to serve well the numismatic community throughout the country.

Orders for 1.7 million uncirculated coin sets were also in the mail by the end of the year, and the remaining orders for over 300,000 sets will be shipped this month.

"The number of orders the Mint received this autumn for the 12-coin uncirculated sets exceeded expectations and production plans," Mrs. Hackel reported. "Rather than return those orders which exceeded the Mint's capacity to produce, package and mail by the end of the year, we offered a refund to those customers who did not wish to wait for the later delivery date. Of the 111,000 customers involved, less than 1,000 chose to cancel their orders."

Mrs. Hackel requested that individuals inquiring about an order should note their order number and customer (account) number in their correspondence. Inquiries should be addressed to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175.

Letters

Irish Coin Weight Addendum

I received the January issue of *The Numismatist* and I must say you did a wonderful job in laying out the article. Your usual excellent work. Thank you.

There is unfortunately one error in the article which is my fault and nothing to do with you. I had given two articles to the typist to type, one on the *Irish Coin Weights*



NATION. Diameter: 35mm. Weight: 22.2 gr. Edge: Reeded.



Rwanda

Y-11. 20 Francs, 1977. Brass. Obverse: In the center, palm leaves and a bunch of bananas, legend around: *BANQUE NATIONALE DU RWANDA* 1977. Reverse: Arms in lower center between Brussels mint marks. Value above: *VINGT 20 FRANCS*, all within an or-

namental border. Diameter: 27 mm. Weight: 8 gr. Edge: Reeded.

Y-12. 50 Francs, 1977. Brass. Obverse: A branch of a tree with leaves in the center. Date between Brussels mint marks below: 1977. Legend around as above: *BANQUE NATIONALE DU RWANDA*. All within an ornamental border. Reverse: Value in upper center in 3 lines: *50 CINQUANTE FRANCS*, arms below, what looks like a coffee bean tree branch at right, all within an ornamental border around. Diameter: 29 mm. Weight: 10 gr. Edge: Reeded.

Acknowledgments

Rwanda: Gilbert Van Caelenbergh, Ninove, Belgium

Thailand: Jolie Coins, Roslyn Heights, New York. Translation and Transliteration: Charles K. Panish.

Uruguay: Jorge E. Bohtlingk, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Denomination	December		
	Prev. Total	December Total	Total
Dollars (non-silver)	5,169,000	3,454,006	8,623,006
Half Dollars	1,902,500	3,605,606	5,508,106
Quarter Dollars	82,268,500	75,103,478	157,371,978
Dimes	96,002,500	78,241,728	174,244,228
Five-cent pieces	56,012,500	68,259,972	124,272,472
One-cent pieces	748,167,500	688,881,800	1,437,049,300
1977 Proof Sets (SF)	271,466	523,890	795,356
Bicentennial 40% Silver Proof Sets	26,848	41,771	68,619
Bicentennial 40% Silver Uncirc. Sets	4,044	1,669	5,713

Coinage Executed For Foreign Governments

Country	Denomination	Prev. Total	December Total	Total
Philadelphia Mint				
Peru	1 sol	2,100,00	—0—	2,100,000
Philippines	5 sentimo	1,088,00	—0—	1,088,000
New York Assay Office				
Panama	1 centesimo	10,000,000	—0—	10,000,000

world coin news

BAHAMAS — *Second Issue of World's Largest and Heaviest Gold Coin*

The Central Bank of the Bahamas has announced a limited minting, through the services of the Royal Canadian Mint, of the 1977 proof \$2500 gold coin, the world's largest and heaviest gold coin. The mintage of this massive legal tender coin will be limited to 250 pieces, according to a

spokesman for the bank. The first \$2500 gold coin issued by the Caribbean nation in 1974 also had a mintage limit of only 250 coins and was sold out after being offered privately to a very small number of collectors.

The Bahamian coin contains a full troy pound of gold and measures an astounding 72 millimeters in diameter. Each coin is delivered in a massive deep black Moroccan leather and carmen red velvet presentation case. A certificate of authenticity, verifying the coin's status as a proof and its limited mintage accompanies each coin. The certificate is signed by the governor of the Central Bank of the Bahamas, Mr. T.B. Donaldson.

As it did with the 1974 coin, the Central Bank of the Bahamas has appointed Paramount International Coin Corporation of Englewood, Ohio, the exclusive world wide agent for the distribution of the 1977 \$2500 gold coin.

For more information on this unique one pound legal tender gold coin, please contact Paramount International Coin Corporation, 600 Union Road, Department 92, Englewood, OH 45322.



HONG KONG — *First \$1000 Bank Note Issued*

The first \$1000 bank note in the history of Hong Kong has been issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The largest denomination bank note previously issued in Hong Kong was a \$500 note introduced more than a century ago.

According to officials of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, "It has been known for a long time that there is a need in Hong Kong for a \$1000 note. The pale gold note, 6 and 3/4 inches by 3 and 7/8 inches, has several new features which have been incorporated as additional security measures."

The new bank note is available at principal branches of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Hong Kong, and if demand merits, they will be issued to other branches.

JAMAICA — *Gold and Silver Issues Commemorate Coronation Anniversary*

Bank of Jamaica is pleased to announce the issuance of two legal tender commemorative coins to be struck this year in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. The occasion also marks the 25th anniversary of the Queen's first state visit to Jamaica, November 25-27, 1953.

The new Jamaican coins will be issued in denominations of \$25 and \$100. The \$25 coin will measure 63 mm in diameter, weigh 2,100 grains and will be composed of .925 fine sterling silver. The \$100 coin will measure 26 mm in diameter, weigh 175 grains and will be composed of .900 fine gold.

new and recent issues

by Ernst Kraus, LM 129



It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate new coins. To accomplish this, ANA members in the United States and abroad are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Room 939 (include room number in address), 393 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001. Coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible, and a credit line will be given to anyone assisting.

Uruguay

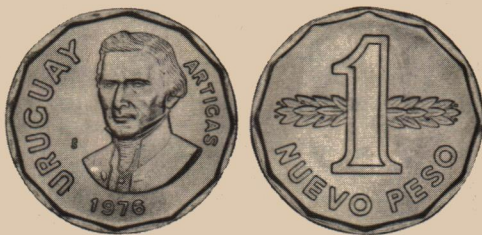


Y- .10 Centesimos, 1976. Aluminum-Bronze. Obverse: In the center a horse to left, date 1976 below. Santiago mintmark at right, URUGUAY on top. Reverse: Numerals 10 in center between olive branches, CENTESIMOS below. Diameter: 18.5 mm. Weight: 3 gr. Planchet: 12 sided.

Y- .20 Centesimos, 1976. Aluminum-Bronze. Obverse: The Fort of Montevideo in center above waves and date. URUGUAY on top, mintmark at right. Reverse similar to above except for value. Diameter: 21.5 mm. Weight: 5 gr. Planchet: 12 sided.

Y- .50 Centesimos, 1976. Aluminum-Bronze. Obverse: Scales in center above mintmark and date, URUGUAY on top. Reverse similar to above except for value. Diameter: 25 mm. Weight: 7 gr. Planchet: 12 sided.

Y- .1 Nuevo Peso, 1976. Aluminum-



Bronze. Obverse: Portrait bust of Jose Artigas in center, date below. Mintmark at left, his name ARTIGAS at right, URUGUAY near left border. Reverse: Numeral 1 for value superimposed on a laurel branch strip, NUEVO PESO below. Diameter: 29 mm. Weight: 11 gr. Planchet: 12 sided.



Thailand FAO

Y- .1 Baht, 1977. Cupro-Nickel. Obverse: A man, who resembles the King in appearance, sowing rice with a young helper, both facing right. Legend at right: THAILAND 9th OF HIS DYNASTY. Diameter: 25mm. Weight: 7 gr. Edge: Reeded. Reverse: A seated woman holding a rice stalk above value: 1 BAHT. The letters F.A.O. in English and the Siamese—Buddhist date below: B.E. 2520 (AD 1977).

Y- .150 Baht, 1977. Silver, .925 fine. Obverse similar to above. Reverse: A large elephant with her young one beside her in a teakwood forest. FAO above, date below: B.E. 2520. Value on the bottom: 150 BAHT. Legend around the outside: A WELL MAINTAINED FOREST BRINGS PROSPERITY TO THE

BC70 W4 **A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ROMAN COIN INSCRIPTIONS** by Stewart J. Westdal. Third ed. 1977. 111 pp. Paper Cover. The author, P.O. Box 80042, San Diego, CA 92138. \$3.50.

GA55 B6 **HIGH PROFITS FROM RARE COIN INVESTMENT** by Q. David Bowers. 1977 New revised edition. 1977. 208 pp. Illus. Bowers and Ruddy Galleries, Inc., 6922 Hollywood, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90028. \$6.95.

KA75 V3 V.1 & 2 **COPPER COINS OF INDIA, Parts I & II** by W. H. Valentine. 1977 reprint. 266 pp. Illus. Spink & Son, Ltd. and Organization of International Numismatics, P.O. Box 3013, Alexandria, VA 22303. \$9.75.

AA50 C6 **1978 COIN WORLD ALMANAC**, compiled and edited by the staff of Coin World. Third ed. 1977. 984 pp. Amos Press, Inc., P.O. Box 150, Sidney, OH 45367. \$10.

FB60 N4 **THE COINAGE OF THE FIRST MINT OF THE AMERICAS AT MEXICO CITY 1536-1572** by Robert I. Nesmith. 1977 reprint of the 1955 edition published by ANS. 169 pp. Illus. Hard Cover. Quarterman Publications, 5 South Union St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

KA50 V3 **MODERN COPPER COINS OF THE MUHAMMADAN STATES** by W. H. Valentine. 1977 reprint. 203 pp. Illus. Spink & Son, Ltd. & Organization of International Numismatics, P.O. Box 3013, Alexandria, VA 22302. \$8.

New Subscriptions

Subscriptions to the following magazines have been received by the library since the publication of the new library catalogue.

Armenian Numismatic Journal (quarterly) 1976-
Bulletin on Counterfeits (quarterly) 1976-
Canadian Coin News (biweekly) v. 14- 1977-
Coin Prices (bimonthly) 1976-
Collector Monthly (irregular) 1975- (holdings not complete)
Fair News (bimonthly) 1977-
Gold News (bimonthly) v. 1- 1976-
Mexican Revolution Reporter (quarterly) #2- 1976-
Zeitung Für Historische Wertpapiere (bimonthly) #1- 1976-

May 1st Deadline for Club Publications Contest

Local and state coin clubs have the chance to win a specially designed logo suitable for use on the club's newsletter in the ANA's annual Outstanding Club Publication contest. In order to win, clubs must send their 1977 newsletters by first class mail, along with name and address of sender, by May 1st. The contest is only open to clubs who have paid their 1978 dues and those clubs which do not have an elected or salaried officer of the association as editor or assistant editor. Newsletters should be addressed to: Club Publications Competition, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Instituted in 1969, the awards pay tribute to outstanding regional and local club newsletters. Judged on the basis of general appearance, newness, quality, composition, aptness of illustrations, arrangement and relative interest to members, newsletters must have been issued on a regular basis at least quarterly, and all issues for 1977 must be submitted. Judges will consist of a panel of not less than four members headed by ANA Editor N. Neil Harris.

Though the ANA hopes to award two prizes, one to a regional organization and one to a local club, no prizes will be given if none are deemed worthy of the award. Several newsletters have already been received at headquarters, so plan to send in your club's publication right away!

library book news reviews

All books listed here are available to members on a loan basis from the ANA library.
Loan requests should list the book's catalog number.

Members wishing to purchase these books can quite often acquire them from a dealer more quickly and easily than from a publisher. In other cases, write to the address listed with each book.

UJ40 S2 LOS BILLETES DE CINCO PESOS DEL BANCO DE MEXICO, S.A. by Antonio Deana Salmoron. 1976. 61 pp. Illus. Paper Cover. Sociedad Numismatica De Puebla, A.C., Apartado Postal 329, Puebla, Pue., Mexico. \$5 plus 50¢ postage.

A priced catalogue, written in Spanish, of the five peso notes of the Bank of Mexico.

WA45 B3 MONETARY LAW by Richard Banyai. 1978. 224 pp. Illus. Paper Cover. Richard Banyai, 4520 N. 34th St., Phoenix, AZ 85018. \$8.

Written in Spanish, this book is a treatise on the 8 reales and 1 peso coins struck at the Oaxaca Mint from 1850 to 1893. One half of the book deals with the historical background pertaining to these coins while the rest lists descriptions of each type and variety for each year minted.

FB70 O3S3 LA CECA REPUBLICANA DE OAXACA ACUNACIONES DE PLATA by Antonio Deana Salmeron. 1977. 191 pp. Illus. Paper Cover. Antonio Deana Salmeron, 7 Oriente 17.-Puebla, Pue., Mexico. \$11 plus \$1 postage.

Worldwide monetary law is a very technical subject based on the different aspects of money from a legal viewpoint. In ten chapters, Mr. Banyai discusses such topics as: the government prerogative of issuing money, Confederate currency cases, legal tender cases, gold clause cases, military occupation and military currency, and monetary reform in China, Hungary and Germany.

The following books are new editions of standard references, reprints, or additions to existing series:

US80 G4M8 ALBUM OF GEORGIA LOCAL BUSINESS NOTES by Dr. John A. Muscalus. 1977. 43 pp. Illus. Paper

AA78 B3 COLLECTING, INVESTING IN LOW MINTAGE COINAGE by F. J. Balcerzak. 1978. 24 pp. Paper Cover. Frank J. Balcerzak, P.O. Box 6032, Buffalo, NY. 14240. \$1.

A pamphlet on low mintage coinage struck by the Franklin Mint for foreign countries. These are called circulation issues and may only be ordered by the government for which they are struck, and may not be ordered by collectors as are the proof and mint sets. The author describes how this coinage came into being with charts and mintages from Bahama, Belize, Cook, Guyana, New Guinea and others.

FB40 M8a ANTOLOGIA NUMISMATICA MEXICANA by Miguel L. Munoz. 1977. 318 pp. Illus. Paper Cover. Miguel L. Munoz, Apartado 897, Mexico 1, D. F. Please write to the author for price.

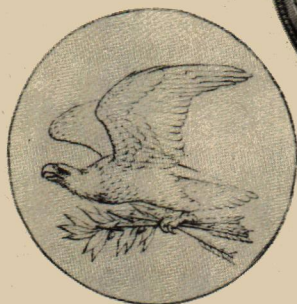
Munoz has been an avid student and writer on Mexican numismatics for many years. This book is a compilation of his outstanding articles and lectures from 1965 to the present, some of which have been previously published in various publications, including this magazine. All chapters appear in Spanish and English. The author's philosophy is that numismatics is "an auxiliary to history" (the title for his first chapter), and this theme is reflected throughout the book to present an engaging resume of Mexican numismatics from primitive money to the 1968 Olympic coins.

Cover. The author, Historical Paper Money Research Institute, Box 187, Bridgeport, PA 19405. (Please write for prices.)

abc's of numismatics

tips for reading and research

by Geneva Karlson, Librarian



The Flying Eagle



The design preparation for the coinage of 1836 added artistic beauty to U.S. coinage with the conception of the flying eagle. Perhaps it was Peter, the "Mint Bird," who inspired this; perhaps it was the diligence of Titian Peale, whose sketches were the basis of the flying eagle designs engraved by Christian Gobrecht that were used on the 1836 Gobrecht pattern dollars and on the cent of 1856-1858. Peale was an ornithological draftsman, Gobrecht an inventor, mechanic and engraver of bank notes, seals and coins. Peter was a tame eagle who frequented the mint and became beloved by all who knew him and who is said to be the "natural" model that Peale used. As Cornelius Vermeule, numismatic art author, states: "...This vision of the national bird on the wing was as magnificent a presentation in depth, detail, and silhouette as the human mind could conceive." The reason for the limited use of this beautiful design is not quite clear as it still remains sought after not only for its collector's value but also for its artistic appeal.

The following books will be of interest to you in pursuing the flying eagle as a coin design:

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| GA80
T3 | Taxay, D. | The U. S. Mint and Coinage |
| GA90
B7s | Breen, W. | The Secret History of the Gobrecht Coinages,
1836-1840 |
| GB40
V4 | Vermeule, C. | Numismatic Art in America |

But to you juniors who have just joined ANA, what is this all about? Can you really earn up to eight Roman and Byzantine coins, plus receive other bonuses, without spending any money?

Indeed you can! Just write David R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, TX 79106, for a Roman Coin Request Form course (coins five through eight) during his nineteenth year.

Sadat and Begin Share Man of the Year Medal

For the first time, the Annual Award Medal of the Judaic Heritage Society is being shared by two men — an Arab and a Jew. "These two men, by their daring and initiative," Society President Robert Weber told the organization's subscribers, "have startled the world and inspired the Israeli and Egyptian peoples by the unprecedented momentum they have given the cause of peace in the Middle East."

The 1977 Annual Award Medal is called "Journey to Jerusalem." The initiative which led to the events symbolized by the medal came from Egypt's President, Anwar el-Sadat. But it was Menachem Begin, half a year after his surprising election as Israel's Prime Minister, who accomplished what every one of his predecessors had sought and never achieved — a face to face meeting with the leader of Israel's most populous neighbor.



Whatever the outcome of the initiative, a Society spokesman pointed out, the Middle East will never again be the same. Steps towards peace that might have taken years to accomplish under regular diplomatic channels have been reached in days. However tortuous the road, a historic beginning has been made. It is that beginning, the audacious "Journey to Jerusalem," that the Judaic Heritage Society is making into a permanent medallion record. Of the more than 200 medals on Jewish history created and issued by the Society, "Journey to Jerusalem" is the first to portray a Jewish and an Arab leader side by side.

Since its inception in 1972, the recipients of the Society's Annual Award Medal have been Harry S. Truman, Golda Meir, Henry "Scoop" Jackson, Daniel Moynihan and, in 1976, the fallen Entebbe Rescue hero, Jonathan Netanyahu.

The Journey to Jerusalem Medal is sculpted by Karl Gruppe, past president of the national Sculpture Society and Academician of the National Academy of Design. It will be struck in high relief, with 300 medals in solid 14 kt. gold, 5,000 medals in fine silver, and an unlimited solid bronze edition. The medals are 1 1/2 inches in diameter, about the size of a U.S. silver dollar; each is hallmarked; gold and silver medals are numbered on the rim. A display stand is provided at no extra cost with each medal.

Prices for the Journey to Jerusalem Medal are \$440 in solid 14 kt. gold, \$35 in fine silver, and \$14 in bronze. Sales tax must be added by New York residents. Eight weeks should be allowed for delivery.

Orders may be mailed to The Judaic Heritage Society, Suite 4011, 866 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Call to Convention

In accordance with Article IX, Section I, of the revised bylaws of September 1, 1976, the American Numismatic Association shall meet in convention once each year, at such time and place as may be decided upon by the board of governors.

The time and place having been agreed upon by the board for the 87th Anniversary Convention, the association will meet in Houston, Texas, August 21-26, 1978, in the Astro-World Hotels. The general chairman for this convention is Mrs. Chris Johns, P.O. Box 90156, Houston, TX 77090.

Grover Criswell, President

FEATURING **YOUNG** **NUMISMATISTS**

Roman Coin Project

by David R. Cervin, ANA 65523

In a Letter to the Editor written by David MacPherson, Shippensburg, Pa., and published in the November issue of *The Numismatist*, is the comment "... I believe a junior should edit this [Young Numismatist News] column, also. (No offense to Mr. Cervin.)" If this feeling is indicative of a group of juniors, then there is obviously some confusion and misunderstanding concerning my role in the Roman Coin Project.

I am not now, nor have ever been, editor of the junior section of *The Numismatist*. I am merely a contributor, my monthly contribution being the Roman Coin Project column. The junior section of *The Numismatist*, now known as "Featuring Young Numismatists" in its expanded format, is edited by the editorial department of the ANA who shall retain that responsibility. Unless a junior wished to move to Colorado Springs and join the editorial staff of the ANA as a volunteer, there is no practical means by which a junior could aid the editing of any section in *The Numismatist*.

But maybe David really meant that he would like to see a junior administer the Roman Coin Project. And if so, I am not offended. I conceived of the RCP to bring pleasure, awards, and educational advancement to young numismatists. Whenever a junior can demonstrate that he or she can handle the reins of this somewhat demanding assignment, then I will willingly step aside. But before you submit your credentials, be sure and examine the following job assignment criteria.

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of and interest in ancient history, not just Roman history.
2. Show some collecting record in Roman and Byzantine coins beyond that already acquired in the RCP.
3. Have some experience record in journalism even if it be no more than being a reporter on a junior high school paper.
4. Show a financial statement demonstrating ability to:

Clearly the financial requirements can be a severe stumbling block for most juniors. Contrary to what some believe,

the RCP is not encompassed within the annual ANA budget, and this is exactly how it should be.

Don't be deceived. You may be a good writer, but the major part of the Roman Coin Project is administering the program, not in writing the monthly column. For example a vast amount of record keeping is necessary just to make sure that no more than one coin of an emperor is sent to each junior. A fifth requirement is that you must be prepared to devote a great deal of time to the program. Oh, yes, and you can't be thin-skinned!

During the past eighteen months three ANA members have written, "I am past the age of juniors, but I would like to participate in the RCP. Is this possible?"

Well, right now the program is set up only for juniors and therefore adult participation cannot be accepted. For my part I would be pleased to include, with appropriate modification, a program for adults. But clearly an addition would have to be approved by the ANA board of governors. Proponents of this suggestion might contact their favorite governor regarding feasibility of such an addition.

A related question affecting juniors is, "I will soon be eighteen and have only earned two Roman coins. Is participation possible after leaving the junior ranks?" The answer is a resounding yes. Any junior who has earned at least one Roman coin may continue with the Basic course (first four coins) during his eighteenth year, and with the Advanced course (coins five through eight) during his nineteenth year.

Miscellaneous Notices

Club bulletins or notices, 1 each

Posters (each different), 2 each

Other (street banners, handouts, etc.), open

Posters will receive more points if they are larger and if they were actually made by club members. Commercially made posters will receive credit, but the accent should be on getting your club members to participate. If posters are too large to include samples in the book, include photographs and/or descriptions, being sure to advise the approximate size of each poster. Each mailing or printing of a club bulletin, notice or handout will receive the minimum points plus additional points awarded by the judges based on the number disseminated.

Proclamations

Governor of State, 25 each

County, City, or Town officials, 10 each

Full points will be awarded for proclamations if a reasonable attempt was made to procure them. It is not necessary that this attempt be successful. The important thing to remember here is that if you do get a proclamation, it can be used to garner additional publicity.

Letters

To U.S. Congressmen, 5 each

From U.S. Congressmen, 3 each

Letters to your Congressmen should urge national recognition of Coin Week.

Membership Applications

American Numismatic Assn., 10 each

Local, state, regional, or international groups, 2 each

Include the name of each person or organization for whom application is received.

DO NOT include the names and addresses of individual club members, especially exhibitors, in your exhibits or scrapbook without their permission. Such information publicly displayed has on occasion resulted in member dissatisfaction. You must, however, furnish a list of participating members with your activity report so that Certificates of Award may be prepared and forwarded.

There is no limit to the total amount of points you may accumulate, and additional points may be awarded by the judges at their discretion. Points awarded by the judges for "character of report" will be based not on the expense involved in the preparation of your book but on the originality and amount of work that went into your Coin Week campaign. Special emphasis will be placed on neatness of the report and documentation, both photographic and written. Color photos will enhance the appearance of your book and may assist in its judging but will not necessarily command more points than good quality black and white pictures.

Keep in mind that your report is supposed to be a reflection of what you or your club did to promote National Coin Week. Irrelevant information merely serves to clutter your report and detracts from its overall impression.

All NCW activities from January 1, 1978, through the date of your report should be included. This means, for example, that all new members

recruited on or after January 1, 1978, would be counted, and that any publicity you obtain which appears in publications dated after December 31, 1977, would receive point credit.

If a report is to be non-competitive, it is not necessary that it be as fully documented as one which is in competition for awards. Some documentation, however, is required so that the judges are assured that certificates of participation have been earned.

The scrapbook contest with its point system is the ANA's way of trying to recognize the efforts of our members in promoting National Coin Week and the numismatic hobby. For complete guidelines and promotional materials, write to National Coin Week, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Everyone has a chance to win an award in their category, but best of all everyone has a chance during NCW to share their hobby with others and spread the word that "Happiness Is... Coin Collecting."

A list of all club and individual entries that submit an official Activity Report with evidence of participation will be released for publication, and Certificates of Award will be issued. Include a list with your Activity Report of those members who qualify for Certificates of Award. You may also request certificates for any business institution, radio or TV station, newspaper, or other individual to whom you would like to present a Certificate of Award, and we will send them to you ready for presentation. These should be limited to those who rendered significant assistance in publicizing National Coin Week.

Juniors 11-17 may compete in Class D, J, or Y. Normally they will enter in Class J, but if they desire to enter in an adult

category they may do so. However, only one category may be entered by any individual.

First, second and third place awards will be given in each class, and presented at the 1978 ANA convention in Houston, Texas in August. Winning scrapbooks will be on display at this convention and all scrapbooks will be returned after judging except those held for display. These may be picked up at the convention on Saturday. In addition, honorable mentions may be made for up to two entries in each class.

The "minimum points" which the judges will use as guides have been established as follows for each of the suggested activities clubs can undertake.

Exhibits

Number of public exhibit locations, 10 each

Number of exhibitors, 5 each

Attempt to show in your photographs and documentation the prominence of the exhibit location and as complete as possible a view of the entire exhibit. Additional photos may be helpful to show exhibit content. Try to convey the size of the display in the photo by having a familiar object (such as a man, book, or a chair) included in the photograph.

Publicity—Newspapers and Magazines

Number of articles, 5 each

Number of photographs, 5 each

Total number of column inches, 1 each

A column inch is just what it implies, one inch of normal newspaper column. For instance, if a photograph takes three inches of column space down and is four columns wide, its total value would be twelve column inches. If a newspaper advertisement carries a cut on NCW for you, you may only count that area of the ad which definitely deals with NCW.

Publicity—Radio and Television

Number of spot announcements, 5 each

Other programs, 5 each

Total number of minutes spot and program time, 1 each

To document your report, request a letter from the station stating the number of spots, approximate length of each spot and the number of minutes of program time. Include, if possible, a written script of both spot announcements and programs. If a script is not practical, include a summary of the numismatic program content. Photographs of persons broadcasting or preparing to broadcast will enhance the character of your report.

Numismatic Talks

Number of talks to numismatic groups, 2 each

Number of talks to non-numismatic groups, 10 each

Total number of minutes, 1 each

Total number in attendance, 1 for each 5 persons

Be sure to include either a script or a summary of the talk given, and a letter of verification from the host organization. If you used slides or an exhibit to enhance your talk, include this information in your report. Photos of exhibits will help.

Special Activities

Open

Special activities can include shows, workshops, clinics, educational forums, books to libraries, citations, ceremonies or any number of other activities which do not fit under the other categories. You should attach a sheet to your report giving general information on the activity in question. The judges will then look in your scrapbook report for full documentation and photographs, and points will be awarded by them.



ANA Re-adopts Point System to Judge National Coin Week Reports

Last year the Holland Coin Club of Holland, Michigan conducted an extensive and varied list of club activities to promote National Coin Week 1977 and submitted to the ANA one of the best reports seen in years. In order to organize the bulk of their reports, its contents were tabulated, indexed and illustrated, largely following the point system guidelines originally conceived by the ANA in 1967 which have since fallen into some disuse.

Under the instigation of NCW chairman Mort Reed, the point system has been re-adopted for this year's National Coin Week, whose theme "Happiness Is...Coin Collecting," will be heard April 16th through April 22nd. Eight classifications of competitors have been established as follows:

- Class A** Clubs of 100 or more
- Class B** Clubs of 50 through 99
- Class C** Clubs of 49 or less
- Class D** Individuals
- Class J** Individual Juniors
- Class X** Foreign Clubs
- Class Y** Foreign Individuals
- Non-competitive**

Any numismatic club or association may participate in National Coin Week, but only members of the American Numismatic Association are eligible to win an award. The membership figure for the purpose of determining club classification (A, B, or C) should be computed as of the date of your report. Any individual who is a member of the ANA may enter Class D, J, or Y and compete on an individual basis. Credit will be given only for work done by that individual. Persons entering Class D, J, or Y cannot include their material in an entry for their club. Any activity undertaken may only be entered in one category.



featuring fakes

coin, you will have recourse if you later learn that the coin isn't of his stated grade.

Any tolerance under official ANA grading standards?

In my opinion, yes, and I'd say about 5 points. You'll find you could grade a certain coin as an AU-50. Then, an hour later, again look at that same coin. You might then grade it as AU-55. So that's why I'd allow a 5 point spread. Also, when one face of the coin, the obverse say, has more wear than the other side, I've felt a more informative description is given when the coin is graded for both sides, for instance, AU-50/AU-55.

Grading refers solely to the amount of wear on the high points of a coin's design.

If there's a blemish, such as an edge bump or a scratch on one surface, that additional information must be given so that the buyer won't be surprised, "AU-50 scratch on Liberty's cheek."

The enlarged photo at the top of the page opposite shows an AU-55 coin's reverse, a very nice coin, but it does have wear, even though so very slight that it may not show on a printed page.

There'll be no more "commercial Unc" ...a term which surfaced two years ago to disguise an AU coin, as this term is not recognized in the Official ANA Grading Standards for U.S. Coins (the "Gray Book").

Instead, when you turn to page 275 of the "Gray Book" you'll see arrows in the drawings of an ABOUT UNCIRCULATED Morgan dollar, pointing to the highest points of the coin's design, the points which are the first to show any wear. Describing an AU-55 reverse, the text reads: *Reverse: Slight trace of wear on breast, tops of legs, and talons.* Had this pictured coin's reverse also shown traces of wear on the wing tips of the eagle, the grading would drop to AU-50.

Another suggestion...when you go to buy a U.S. coin, or attend a bourse, don't be bashful. Carry with you a copy of the "Gray Book." Don't be hesitant about referring to the book's illustrations to compare with the coin in which you're interested. It's less troublesome to learn a coin's actual grade before you buy it than after you get home. So, lug the book with you...pull it out, use it! That can save you money!

And, again, beware of the sharpie with his "unique" grading system!

*"The innocence of the intention abates
nothing of the mischief of the example"*

Robert Hall, English Clergy, 1764-1831

by Ed Fleischmann

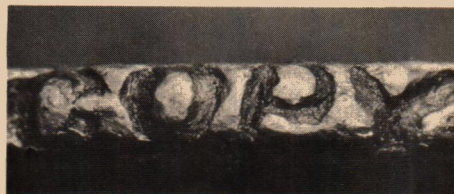
Everybody, at one time or another, has opened a book or newspaper and read a story that immediately made them want to loudly and publicly castigate the author and the publication that saw fit to print the article. However, once rational thinking takes over from the emotional reaction, we realize that any such rash writing would be an exact parallel to the misguided intentions that set us off in the first place.

When ANACS recently read the article, "Difficulty of Pricing is Woe of Modern Fake Coins," our initial reaction was to fire off a scathing diatribe that would have questioned the intelligence of the author and his antecedents and the journalistic intentions of the paper that allowed the misinformation to get into print.

Upon further, and much cooler, reflection we decided that the author was simply attempting to fill space and that the paper which carried the story just hadn't thoroughly considered the potential problems the article could create for the hobby by those who might assume that the laws which prohibit counterfeiting and altering coins had



Tatham copy of
1652 Pine Tree shilling



Designation on edge
of 1652 Pine Tree shilling replica



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Copley restrike of
1776 Massachusetts Pine Tree copper



Copley restrike of
1776 New Hampshire half penny replica



The size of these two tokens is 27mm, and the dies were cut by Merriam.

It should be mentioned here that Merriam's dies enjoyed (suffered might be a better choice of words) a great deal of use in making various indiscriminate mulings. Some of these dies were sold at a later date to individuals who also made mulings. These were struck to provide collectors with rare varieties, and usually very small quantities were produced. It seems improbable that the copper in these mulings actually were taken from the Turpentine Works.

Next we have two more varieties with busts of Washington on the reverse. These two dies, listed by Baker as 621 and 621A respectively, were cut by John A. Bolen of Springfield, Mass. Several of Bolen's dies were muled with those of Merriam. These and the following varieties are all 28mm.

The final three mulings of the Turpentine Works die are with store card dies cut by Merriam. The tokens of the Boston merchant Hess & Speidel (Miller 4-17) are well known to collectors, as are the R. Chamberlaine tokens of Norfolk, Va. (Miller 9-13). The die with the bust of

Apollo was originally used as the reverse of the Hess & Speidel token. Later it was utilized in several other mulings.

Model Tobacco?



It is unusual to encounter a counterstamp on a twentieth century coin, other than those made from individual punches and intended as personal mementos. This counterstamp was struck from a single punch, on the reverse of a 1914 Buffalo nickel. According to the collector from whom it was purchased, it was counterstamped to advertise Model Tobacco in the days when it only sold for a nickel. I have no way to substantiate this — perhaps one of our readers can help. — D.E.S.

The authors encourage comments, suggestions, and additional information on reported pieces from readers, and ask that all inquiries be directed to David E. Schenkman, P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, MD 20640.

exonumia notebook

by David E. Schenkman
and H. Joseph Levine

The Turpentine Works Tokens

In early 1862 Brig. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside led an amphibious foray into the North Carolina Sounds from Hatteras Inlet. Captured during this movement was Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City, New Bern and Fort Macon, thus giving the Union forces control of nearly all the North Carolina coast line.



The battle of New Bern commenced on the morning of March 14, 1862, when General Burnside ordered an advance of his entire division into the town. At the same time, the naval vessels anchored at Slocum's Creek began shelling the enemy forts and the road ahead of the Union troops. After four hours of intense fighting the Confederates retreated in great confusion. Colonel S.B. Spruill of the Nineteenth Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, received orders to have all the cotton and naval stores in New Bern burned; this order was carried out during the retreat. Due to quick action by the townspeople and the Union troops, most of the flames were extinguished before extensive damage was done.

As a result of this victory the North captured numerous pieces of artillery, several sailing vessels, large amounts of ammunition, commissary and quartermaster stores, and a great quantity of rosin, turpentine, cotton, etc. Sixty-four rebel troops were killed and over two hundred prisoners were taken. Losses to

the Union forces included ninety killed and nearly four hundred wounded.

I have always wondered why this token was struck. The New Bern conflict was hardly a major battle of the Civil War, and I can find nothing to indicate that the Turpentine Works was of any significance, other than the fact that it was the town's major industry. Several Massachusetts infantry regiments were involved in the battle, and it stands to reason that a member of one of these units took the copper and later had the token struck. The obverse die, shown above, was cut by the well known die sinker Joseph H. Merriam of Boston, Mass., and his name appears on the die. As you shall see, several reverse dies were utilized in striking the Turpentine Works tokens. The two tokens illustrated above were probably the only original strikes. They are both scarce and are occasionally found in circulated condition, an indication that they were made as souvenirs or mementos of the battle. The Lincoln token is listed as King 190; the Washington variety is Baker 622.

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ABCS Recognizes U.S. — France Alliance

The United States-France Alliance Bicentennial Commemorative Medal has recently been issued to members of The American Bicentennial Commemorative Society. This commemorative honors the peace treaties signed between the United States and France in February, 1778, which aided greatly in America's quest for independence. The medal is only the 34th commemorative issued by the Society.

Designed and sculptured by Pierre Lefebvre, the medal portrays on its obverse Benjamin Franklin and the French foreign minister, Comte de Vergennes, while the reverse features a French sailing ship at full sail speeding westward and the appropriate legend: "ALONE NO LONGER."

The medals are minted by Medallion Art Company with one proof of each commemorative minted in silver or bronze exclusively for each member of the Society. The original issue price of each solid sterling silver proof is \$15, while the solid bronze proofs are priced at \$9 each. A total of 76 medals will be issued in all.

Information on becoming a member of The American Bicentennial Commemorative Society may be obtained by writing to Jack Hamilton at Society headquarters, Box 1776, Springfield, PA 19064.



the date. Perhaps he meant to commemorate the surrender of the British Army by General Cornwallis to the "rebel forces" in that year. This would have helped to insure acceptance in the United States, as well as in the pro-American regions of lower Canada. This, however, is only speculation.

Another facet of the story behind the North American token that has raised some questions is the identity of Mossop. The firm of "Mossops" first received consideration as the die cutters of the North American token in "J.F.J.'s" article appearing as part of the June 1937 issue of *The Numismatist*. The Mossops were a father and son (William S. Sr. and William S. Jr.), who were both outstanding jewelers, engravers, and die cutters. William Sr. died in 1810, so it can be assumed that it was his son who was responsible for the North American token.

William Jr. was born in Dublin in 1788, and died there in 1827. He was widely known for his fine medals, especially a series of forty commemoratives honoring distinguished Irishmen. Unfortunately, only a few of these superb medals were executed beyond the design stage of production. Most active from 1810 to 1825, he prepared many seal and medal dies for organizations and societies in both Ireland and England, and also served as the first secretary for the Royal Hibernian Academy until his untimely death. William Mossop, Jr., is a forgotten name now, but he was regarded as one of the foremost jewelers and die cutters in Great Britain.⁴

There is one more thing of interest concerning the Mossops. Mossop, Sr., is a familiar name to collectors of British



1789 Pattern penny for George III
Nelson, plate VI, no. 10

pattern coinage as the producer of a magnificent pattern penny in 1789 for George the Third. This silver pattern weighed 392 grains. Only six were struck before the reverse die broke; two were presented to the King. This pattern piece is illustrated in Phillip Nelson's 1905 work *The Coinage of Ireland in Copper, Tin, and Pewter 1460-1826*.

Hopefully, my research has answered some of the unresolved questions surrounding the story of the North American token. Here we see the classic case of an issue that, because of its failure, to be listed in a widely used reference book (in this instance Crosby) and a general sense of ignorance, has become forgotten and unappreciated. However, the North American token was listed in the Red Book, and this has helped to slightly increase its popularity. Yet to this day, the true rarity of the North American token is greatly underestimated in the high grades. Demand by Canadian, British, and American collectors, as well as a great deal of historical significance, will serve to push up its value slowly but surely. The North American token is but one of the many fascinating but unsung items of numismatics that have an interesting story to tell.

About the Author

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The North American Token



Ships, Colonies and Commerce token



4. Similarity to the Tokens of Halliday and Parkes.

As previously discussed, the North American token is very similar to tokens produced by Halliday and Parkes, the two leading token die cutters of Dublin circa 1815-1820. Mossop was influenced by both of these craftsmen, and their influence is evident in his work. Because of this, it is possible to place the date of manufacture of the North American token around this period.

My feeling is that the specific date of issue was in either 1818 or 1819. Token coinage in Ireland (in quantity) resumed in 1812, due to the extreme shortage of copper coins. They were then made illegal in 1817 by an Act of Parliament, but the Irish were lax to enforce this up until 1819 or so. Mossop became primarily a medal and seal die engraver in 1820, and none of the tokens positively attributed to him are dated after 1819. (Davis Dublin 72 is dated 1819.) Thus, it is probable that the date of issue of the North American token was around 1818-1819.

5. Device and Letter Punch Linkage to Confirmed Products of Mossop.

Only a handful of tokens can be positively attributed to Mossop; among them are Davis Dublin 57, Davis Dublin 59, and Davis Dublin 70. This author has been able to establish letter punch linkage of 57 and 59 to the North American token. Device punch linkage cannot be established because the device punches that Mossop used for the North American token were used solely for this token. Nonetheless, in my mind this establishes conclusive proof that Mossop was responsible for cutting the die used to produce the North American token.

The North American token was not the only speculative token intended for use in North America that was backdated. For example, the "Unity States" token was dated "1783," but it was struck some twenty-five years later. This simply made the tokens, struck to appear worn, more acceptable as they seemed to have already seen heavy circulation. This proved that they were considered "good copper." It is impossible to state definitively why Mossop chose 1781 for



*1804 Pawnbrokers Office Halfpenny
Davis Dublin 57, plate G, no. 4*



*1813 Neville and Co. Halfpenny
Davis Dublin 59, plate M, no. 9*



Camac, Kyan and Camac tokens, 1792-1796
Dalton & Hamer Dublin no. 215



The North American Token



Breton 894

1. Dissimilarity of the Obverse to that of the Camac, Kyan, and Camac tokens, dated 1792-1796.

It is interesting to use the Camac, Kyan, and Camac tokens as a basis of comparison to the North American token. These tokens were issued in very large quantities, and there are seemingly endless numbers of varieties known. In Dalton and Hamer, the bible of Eighteenth Century British tokens, they are given many pages of listings. The obverse of these tokens, I feel, served as an inspiration to Mossop when he set about producing the North American token, though one has only to compare the two tokens to see a significant amount of difference. The basic rendition of Hibernia was noticeably changed by Mossop, as was the harp style. The Camac, Kyan, and Camac tokens probably served as the original prototype of the North American token's design and for other British

tokens issued around 1815-1820 that were intended to circulate in Canada and the United States as well.

2. Similarity of the Denticle Style to other Irish Tokens issued 1815-1820.

Irish tokens of the 1815-1820 period exhibit an interesting style of denticulation that is distinctive to these issues. The denticles are rather large and usually shaped like squares and/or diamonds. For example, the tokens of Parkes, one of Mossop's leading contemporaries, exhibit large square denticles. On the North American token, the denticles are usually not well struck, but in the areas that are fairly clear they show some similarity to Parkes' style and that of the other leading Dublin token die cutter of the day, Halliday; yet they maintain their own distinctive style.

3. Similarity to Other Tokens of the Period.

It is also interesting to compare the North American token with other contemporary issues. Its obverse is very similar to Breton 894 (Courteau 3), an 1820 Canadian non-local token manufactured by unknown sources. Although Breton 894 is far better executed, the similarity between the two styles of depicting Hibernia are quite similar and consistent with the typical rendition of this allegorical figure by Dublin's die cutters during the 1815-1820 period. The harp style of LeRoux 211, dated 1815, is very similar to that of the North American token. Around 1815, Hibernia's harp grew more stylized.

The reverse of the Ship, Colonies and Commerce tokens, issued from 1814 until 1820, serves as another basis for comparison. Of special interest are Breton 997, 1001, and 1003-1005 which have the same basic type of ship design as on the North American token, but with some noticeable differences. R.W. McLachlan, in *The Money of Canada From The Historical Viewpoint* classified the North American token alongside these tokens. It would seem that the ship design was very popular on Irish tokens of the 1815-1820 period.

Small denominations, having the most use, were naturally the first in short supply, and in the early 19th century, Canada, in particular, was starved for tokens that could pass as halfpennies.

"When the old British coppers, through depletion and because of the increase in population [of Canada] became altogether insufficient for the needs of the people, resort was held to the issuance of tokens."¹

A major cause of this depletion was the inflated price of copper in the early 19th century that caused the London Mint to virtually cease minting copper coins during this period. Consequently, token coinage was resumed in England in 1811 and in Ireland in 1812, and before long was found circulating in the colonies.

1 rating on his scale of rarity, the second most common rating that he could give.

To date we know the token to be found in copper and brass, the latter being a great deal scarcer, with a plain edge, and approximately 27mm in diameter. It is always found in weakly struck condition due to the apparent intentional wearing down of the dies (specifically, filing in the fields and general abuse). By having a worn appearance when struck, the coins were hoped to gain more ready acceptance in Canada and the United States. The token is fairly common in Very Fine or below, scarce in Extra Fine, and decidedly Rare in anything approaching Mint State. The weight is approximately 116-117 grains, which conforms to the Birmingham standard of 60 to the pound. A great

*OBVERSE: Seated figure of Hibernia facing left
with a harp on the right, antedated "1781" beneath.*

*REVERSE: Two-masted sailing ship to the left, with a
Union Jack flag flying at the stern, the word "Commerce" above.*

Collectors can find the North American token in Canadian references as Breton 1013, LeRoux 63, and Courteau 1 and 2. It is also listed in a majority of studies on United States "Colonial" tokens, including Red Book, Vlack, and Durst. However, none of these books adds any information of real value to that given us by Breton in his 1894 opus on the coins, medals, and tokens of Canada. Breton has this to say on the subject:

"This piece is claimed by one American Numismatist [possibly Dr. Dickeson in the 1860 edition of *The American Numismatic Manual*, p. 143] as pertaining to the United States. It was up to recent times found plentifully in circulation, in fair condition. This would indicate a more recent date of issue than that on the coin."²

Breton classified the North American token under the heading of "Anonymous and Miscellaneous Tokens," which has dogged the creditability of the North American token to this day, and assigned it a Rarity

majority of coppers that eventually received circulation in Canada and the United States were coined at this standard.³

After a fairly comprehensive search of specimens, this author can find no die varieties, and in corresponding with Walter Breen, renowned numismatic researcher, he has concurred. The devices on the North American token closely resemble those on such tokens as Davis Dublin 57, the "1804" Pawn-brokers Office Halfpenny; Davis 59, the 1813 Neville and Co. Halfpenny; and Davis Dublin 70, the "For the Convenience of Trade" Halfpenny, dated "1804." All of these tokens are by Mossop, and thus the hypothesis that he was the die cutter. Many unanswered questions surround the story of this token. Though the piece is dated 1781, most reference books that list the token state that it was struck much later. This author feels that the North American token was issued between 1815 and 1820, and probably closer to 1820, in Dublin, Ireland. The reasons for this speculation are as follows:



virgil hancock's

Unique!

"U-nique", adj. 1. Single, sole. 2. Being without a like or excellence." (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.)

The defendant's high-priced attorney hung his hat on the fact that the defendant had printed in his pricelists the word "unique" in referring to his own method of grading. And he successfully argued that the collectors were presumed to know that the defendant's grading system was like none other in the wide, wide world. Result — defendant acquitted.

In the hundred or so examined coins sold by the defendant, the defendant's unique... the world's one and only... "Gem BU" was in my opinion actually equal to Brown & Dunn's EF, and whizzed. The defendant did not deny the whizzing, but claimed, in effect, that such a whizzed coin was his unique "Gem BU."

So I presume we now can expect to see a rash of "unique" grading terminology by sharpies up and down the land. All they have to do is to claim their grading terminology is "unique" and that, so long as they insert that word "unique" in their advertising, they can call any coin by any grade they want.

Then what protection does the trusting collector now have?

It's very simple. Ask the would-be seller two simple questions...

1. Are you now a member of ANA?

2. Are you grading this coin according to the official ANA grading standards?

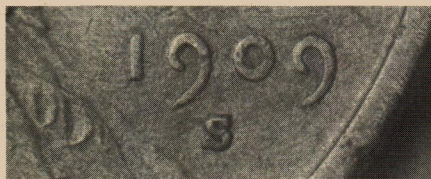
If the seller answers "No!" to either or both questions, you're on your own. If the seller is an ANA member, and if he were to describe a coin as being of a grade higher than it really is, or if he offers a whizzed coin but does not warn you that it is a whizzed coin, then you can... **and should** ... report it to ANA headquarters. If ANA finds the coin has been considerably overgraded, the seller will replace the coin with a coin accurately graded or give you your money back...or he'll suffer the consequences.

(ANA has no way on earth to help you if you buy an overgraded coin from anyone who is not an ANA member.)

If the seller says he has developed his own grading, and that he ignores the official ANA grading standards for U.S. coins, then you're on your own! But if he says "Yes" ...that he does use the official ANA grading standards ... and has so graded the offered



Counterfeit 1917 high relief twenty-dollar gold piece showing extensive tooling



1909-S one-cent with added mintmark



Lead cast counterfeit of 1935 fifty-cent piece



Replica of 1787 New Jersey cent

been changed, or by those who have always considered selling such things as an easy route to some fast money.

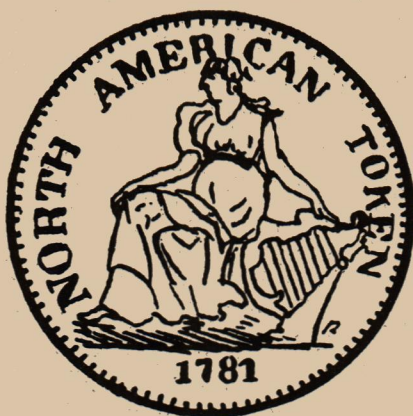
ANACS has spent the last six years, and a great number of others have worked even longer, trying to educate people to the fact that not only is the deliberate acquisition of counterfeits to be frowned upon, but that the buying and selling of such material is contrary to law. Vast sums have been spent in trying to reduce the problems created by those who deliberately market counterfeit and altered coins, so we cannot condone anything which even hints at such material having a premium value. We are not naive enough to believe that the problem will ever be eliminated, but we certainly will not sit quietly by while the problems are being escalated.

We will concede the "innocence of intention" and hope we have helped to "abate the mischief of the example."

And Then... An Admirable Example

In a much pleasanter vein, ANACS was recently invited to Oklahoma City to conduct a "mini" counterfeit detection seminar and treated to an event which made us acutely aware of the inherent greatness of the numismatic fraternity. For not only did the Oklahoma Numismatic Assn. pay the expenses of the ANACS authenticators, but further went on to take up a collection earmarked for "ANACS Educational and Slide Programs." Their concern with educating numismatists everywhere to avoid acquiring altered or counterfeit coins deserves a thank you from us all.

The North American Token



A Study

by

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During the colonial period of North America and the early years of the United States, many foreign coins and tokens circulated as currency due to the lack of sufficient coinage to carry out necessary monetary transactions. Struck in Dublin, Ireland, the North American Token was one of these and was known in circulation around the Canadian border. Collectors of Canadian, American, and British pieces all may chose to include this token in their collections, yet it remains an enigmatic and unappreciated issue.

jetons, a pamphlet originally limited to 100 copies but very recently reprinted by Frank Katen. Many of the specimens here offered Garrett must have been the plate pieces from that useful little volume.

The other lots in this shipment which bear any identification include, at \$50, a gold medallion of Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, from the 16th Century; a silver medal, 1814, of Ferdinand VII from Chile on the Recapture of St. Iago, etc., at \$14; an aureus of the Roman Emperor Tiberius, \$17.50; and a medallic dollar on the foundation of the Swiss Confederacy, etc., described as being #1504 in the Anthon Collection, price \$7.50 (half what it brought for Anthon). The remainder of the list, from which Garrett kept nothing, is by lot number from the January, 1885, issue of *Numisma*.

On March 24, Frossard acted as agent for Garrett in one of his own sales (his 41st), purchasing lot #842 for \$40.50 and charging \$2 commission: "I executed the above bid at lowest possible price and forward by Adams Express today. In the future I should be pleased to execute all your bids for N.Y. auction sales on 5% comm." After this, we again encounter a lengthy gap in the correspondence, one lasting until early 1886. In this case, however, we have little reason to suspect the absence of too many letters. The summer of 1885 was, for Garrett, largely occupied with the Randall Sale and related matters dealing almost exclusively with United States coinage, and he seems not to have purchased too much which is attributable to Frossard during the intervening period. Frossard probably continued sending approval packages for a while, but, as we have noticed, Garrett's purchases from Frossard were falling off quite a bit as time passed. United States coins were proving difficult enough to collect at the rarity level in which THG was by then operating; foreign had to go by the board for a while.

The final Frossard letter in the file, dated February 3, 1886, gives us no indication of any recent activity between the two men: "I have a unique



Roman Empire, Tiberius, 14-37 A.D., gold Aureus. Frossard's shipment of February 2, 1885. Probably the piece originally in Frossard's list of April 17, 1883.

Willow Tree Shilling, seen by Crosby and pronounced genuine by him, which I would like to submit to you before offering elsewhere.

"The Shilling has been in the same Coll. for 30 years and never offered to any prominent collector...P.S. The price asked is \$100. I may offer it for a little less." There is no indication as to whether Garrett was sufficiently interested to bother having it sent to him for inspection.

Thus the relationship between Frossard and Garrett, productive of so much high-level numismatic activity and responsible for the addition of so many fine and rare pieces to the Garrett Collection from 1881 on, slowly withered away through changing interests and more specialized collecting. The transactions between the two had encompassed all fields from Ancient to Modern; United States as well as Foreign; Patterns, Colonials and regular U.S. issues.

We have seen something of the workings of the part-time dealer in this series of letters — his relationship to his customers as well as to his consignors, his hectic schedule, the ups and downs of the market, and the degree of contact that could be maintained with Europe when necessary. All these features will reappear in sharper profile when we come next to the correspondence between T. Harrison Garrett and the man who personified numismatic auctions in his day, W. Elliot Woodward, Frossard's long-time rival and numismatic critic.



1794 Large Cent, Starred Reverse, Sheldon (reverse). Ex Frossard's 37th Sale, 10/2/84, Frossard's own collection.



1793 Large Cent, Chain, Sheldon 3. Ex Frossard's 38th Sale, 10/23/84, Lawrence & Kuithan Collections.

From the 38th Sale came the superb 1793 large cent, Sheldon 3.

Many of Frossard's 1794 cents, after Garrett acquired them, were to become plate coins in S.H.Chapman's book on the subject since he had full photo

access to the Garrett collection from 1906 until around 1919 while it was on display at Princeton and S.H. and Henry Chapman were working on cataloguing it (a project which was never completed). We can only assume that an entire file of correspondence was stored in some other location at the time of T.Harrison Garrett's death and has not survived.

The letter of February 2, 1885, makes it clear that transactions had been continuing for some time prior to that date: "I beg acknowledge receipt of your favor of 30th ulto. with cheque in full to date, for which I enclose receipted bill. [Which, unfortunately, has not survived either.] Thanks!

"I send you per Ex. this day a lot of coins and medals on approval with prices as per annexed sheet, and hope that you may find quite a number.

"If you have 2 starred cents of 1794, I hope that you will send me your duplicate. [Garrett had bought Frossard's the previous October.] My customer is the gentleman who, at the time of my Oct. 2-3 Sale, telegraphed (dispatch arrived too late) to buy the set of 1794 Cents at \$500! [Higher than Garrett's winning bid!] He is very anxious to have me make up another set, and I am in a fair way of accomplishing the task, but unless I can secure the 'Starred' from some cabinet like yours, I see no prospect of placing that rare variety in the set!

"The coins and medals are all marked at net prices."

For a change, at least some of the pieces in one of Frossard's lists are described, and one lot in particular is of interest even though THG did not take it: "8. French-American Colonial jetons, silver. (This set can never be duplicated. See Geo.M.Parsons' descriptions in the American Journal of Numismatics, which lacks at least one type.) All his are restrikes, whereas of this set several are original; his obverses are all alike, these are of several varieties! I send you descriptive pamphlet with my compliments. \$200.00." This is obviously the set of pieces Frossard catalogued in his monograph on the Franco-American

per list. Descriptions accompany the coins. These are the property of another party who claims to have purchased them from the Montenuovo Cabinet sold abroad, also that his prices to me are at cost. I mark them at a very slight advance. In a couple of weeks I propose to send you a lot of my importation embracing a fine and varied assortment, among which, I hope, you will find many desiderata." A list of numbers and prices follows, perhaps keyed to Numisma. Garrett kept only #3 & #4, total \$47.

On October 8, Frossard sent the foreign gold coins, listed, unfortunately, only by envelope number: "I send today a small lot of fine Foreign gold coins, marked at lowest figures for these rare pieces. In about one week I will send you a lot of silver coins, nearly all of the larger denominations." [List follows.] In another letter, dated October 13, Frossard reports the purchase for Garrett of lots 143, 383, 386, 577 and 583 in his 32nd Sale (October 12, 1883), total cost \$10.80 plus \$1.08 commission, bill for \$11.88. "I have received package of gold coins returned, except one I believe, for which you have given me credit of \$5 (No. 53). I will send you a lot of silver coins to look at, as soon as I possibly can.

"Also would be pleased to execute further bids for you at sales, especially the coming sale of the Woodward German and other cabinets, also I.F. Wood's collection, now catalogued by me." The Wood Sale, Frossard's 34th, was to take place on February 25, 1884.

A brief note, accompanied by another of those immense lists by envelope number, came on October 22: "Excuse delay in forwarding coins. The cataloguing of I.F. Wood's immense collection of Am. coins and medals keeps me extremely busy. I forward per Adams Ex. this day: [followed by the list.]" Another letter, October 29: "I send you statement of account as follows: [list of numbers and prices, total \$140.38, marked PAID.] No. 89 I send this day per Adams Ex. In your favor of 23 you say 'would have taken several other pieces or think prices too high.' Should you have kept mem. of nos. I will make a redaction if I can. Most of this fine

invoice I fear will have to go back abroad as the market for fine coins and medals at this time is extremely dull here. I am told by a gentleman well posted that fine coins, especially ancient, bring higher prices in Paris and London than in N.Y."

At this point we encounter an immense gap in the correspondence, during a period in which we know Garrett bought fairly heavily from Frossard's auctions and in which we can safely assume regular correspondence was maintained between the two. Letters do not resume until February, 1885. Among the sales in which we know Garrett participated are Frossard's 33rd, December 18, 1883, from which Garrett acquired a lovely uncirculated 1821 quarter; his 37th, held October 2, 1884, which was the sale of Frossard's own collection; and his 38th, October 23, 1884, the sale of the Lawrence and Kuithan pieces. From Frossard's own collection Garrett acquired:

1793 large cent, Sheldon 13
1793 large cent, Sheldon 16
1794 1/2 cent, G-5
1797 1/2 cent, G-3
(1722) Rosa Amer. twopence
1722 Rosa Amer. 1/2 penny
1723 Rosa Amer. twopence
and all of Frossard's 1794 large cents, some 50 pieces including superb specimens and the starred reverse, for a bit over \$400 total!



1794 Large Cent, Sheldon 24 (obverse).
Ex Frossard's 37th Sale, 10/2/84,
Frossard's own collection.

market for them here. All coins of this list are net."Garrett did not take the described lot. It is, however, of value to observe that even at this date a dealer such as Frossard had sufficient European contacts to import specialized items in response to the want lists of his clients.

Further information regarding the 1796 quarter, and other matters, is found in Frossard's letter of June 19: "In reply to your favor of 18 inst. I will say that the U.S. Quarter of 1796 is in that condition for which almost any price would not seem extravagant, and I could with equal prospect of selling have marked it \$50 or even \$60. It is the Quarter of my June 2d Sale (LeGras), bought by me there at \$34 and for which I have since been offered \$40 by a coin dealer, who would certainly have obtained not less than \$50 for it, if not much more. I regret that I cannot make a reduction on this piece; considering its condition, it is really cheap at \$40, and I hope you will keep it.

"On the Pound Piece I will make you a reduction of \$5 and you may have it at \$50. The Anthon Catal. is no special standard of value, but rather what Foreign dealers ask [i.e., the prices asked by foreign dealers were a better market guide than prices realized at the Anthon Sale]. I saw one lately in N.Y. which cost its owner Marks 200 abroad, not to be compared with mine in condition.

"With the hope that this reduction will be deemed satisfactory..." Along the right margin Frossard made a further note: "There are some good things in my sale June 30 to which I respectfully call your attention. I do not suppose that Mr. Kuithan will realize 2/3 of what he paid on the aggregate of cost."

The exchange continued on June 21: "Last evening I received one package of coins returned, from which I find that you have retained the following nos.: [list of six pieces, by envelope number, with prices]. From the above you see that the package advised by your favor of the 18 to have been sent on that day has, so far, not reached me, hence I cannot reply to your query of 19th about the discount I can allow, but be sure that

as soon as package reaches me I will at once examine, etc., and will give you the most liberal terms I can, as I infer from your favor (19) that you have retained quite a number.

"Considering the fact that the 2d package reached me first, No. One must have been unexpectedly delayed or perhaps have gone astray. I would suggest that you direct inquiries at the Express Office from which shipped. (Adams?)

"When I ship your coins I generally send from Adams Ex. in New York, but all your packages are transferred in N.Y. to the American, the only line that reaches this point, hence I cannot make inquiries from here, as they know nothing of the packages sent by other Express lines."

Occasional shipping difficulties were encountered even in those days of rapid and rather efficient service. A far worse case will be observed when we examine the Woodward correspondence in a later article. All turned out well, however, as we see from Frossard's next letter, also dated June 21 but written later in the day: "The package of coins returned from 1st of last invoices turned up this A.M. - at Ex. Office where I believe it has been for the last 36 hours. [Another listing of pieces by envelope numbers & prices follows.] I had already reduced the price of those beautiful ancient gold nearly to cost; still, I make a further reduction of 2½% on the lot which I trust will be found agreeable and the account correct." Garrett also returned the pound piece of Charles, reducing the total bill to \$411.40, marked here as PAID.

At this point a gap occurs in the correspondence until the beginning of October, 1883. We saw similar gaps in the Newlin correspondence, indicating summer vacation by the Garretts, and, once again, we do not know whether letters (and coins) were exchanged during this period. Frossard's next letter, dated October 4, 1883: "In reply to your favor of 3d inst., will state that tomorrow I shall forward to you from N.Y. a package containing a number of large and, I believe, rare gold coins as

Package No. 1:

Charles I, pound piece, very fine	\$55
1796 Quarter Dollar, finest known	\$40
1793 Lib. Cap Cent, finest known	\$125
1794 Louis XV jeton (see 490, sale June 2)	\$15
Luther medal, movable gilt center, very curious	\$3

Total \$238.00
\$122.50

[Package No. 2 listed by envelope number only]

Package No. 3:

Medal of Washington, as far as I know, unique	\$125
1793 Chain and Wreath, the two	\$425
(These (package No. 3) are the property of Hon. Geo. M. Parsons and I quote his prices. It may please you to see them even if you do not buy.)	Total \$550.00
[Packages No. 4, 5, and 6 listed by envelope number.]	\$597.25

"These last are the finest of last lot sent. I have reduced them all (#165 to cost). Never have handled such extremely fine Roman gold, and believe them as a lot to be unequaled as well as cheap. Sent by Express, value \$1000, to save cost. Total of all \$1507.75. [The Washington medal, tied to the 'Liber Natus' on May 8, is here stated to belong to Parsons; therefore, so did the 'Liber Natus.']

"I have some Ancients in stock but it would be impossible to classify short of 3 or 4 days, and as you telegraphed to send at once, I send all I can arrange today."

Garrett kept some, returned most (including all the U.S. pieces). The 1793 wreath and chain cents are those discussed in the May 23 letter. The 1793 Liberty cap cent is intriguing — was this also from Parsons? If not, where did Frossard get it and the 1796 quarter, and where did they go when Garrett turned them down? It is possible that the Liberty cap cent is the incredible one in the Eliasberg Collection. What was the "unique" Washington Medal - one of the engraved Indian peace medals? Some of the Garrett correspondence poses more questions than it answers.

Frossard's next letter, June 16, is of relatively little use to us since it is primarily another of those lists by envelope number. He does, however, comment on one piece: "No. 164 is a genuine mediaeval Italian bronze; I imported a number for a gentleman who did not take this and a few others because pierced. I send you this one to look at, as I am not informed if you collect them. Abroad, they generally bring high prices, but there is as yet little



England, George IV, 1821, Crown (obverse). Frossard's 29th Sale, 6/2/83, Le Gras Collection.



Italy, Florence, Cosmo III, 1678, Scudo (reverse). Ex Frossard's 29th Sale, 6/2/83, Le Gras Collection.



1804 Dollar, ex O.H.Berg Collection.
Mentioned in Frossard's letter of
5/24/83.

Columbus, Ohio, would certainly have required telegraphic communications with Frossard.

That would mean that Frossard was Parsons' agent at the Bushnell Sale, not unlikely in view of their other dealings, and quite probable, at least in so far as Parsons' requiring an agent for an East Coast (Philadelphia) sale. Thus the pedigrees of numerous pieces can be extended: Bushnell - Parsons - Garrett. Other pieces, particularly 1793 cents, which are described in later letters as being from Parsons' collection may be able to be pedigreed back to him if they can be traced to the same sale as the

known Earle '1793 Wreath' since we know they were together at this time.

Apparently Garrett decided to return still more pieces from the invoice, probably due to failure to secure price reductions, since Frossard's letter of May 24 consists primarily of a revised statement of the account, the total bill finally reducing to \$298.70. The letter continues below the statement: "I am sorry you did not find more in this fine lot of coins wanted — they were the best I had in stock.

"If you are a bidder tomorrow at Haseltine Sale for 1804 Dollar, I hope you will be successful at a reasonable price. I have not one bid on this." The Haseltine Sale referred to here, held on May 25, 1883, was the O.H. Berg Collection from Baltimore. In this sale T. Harrison Garrett did, indeed, succeed in purchasing the Berg specimen of the 1804 Dollar, reported to have been brought to America from Austria and purchased over here by Mr. Berg several years earlier. The price was around \$750 and that specimen, of course, is still in the Garrett Collection today.

As another interlude in the correspondence we have at this point in time Frossard's 29th Sale, June 2, 1883, the Le Gras Collection, at which Garrett acquired several excellent pieces:

Switzerland, Vaud, 1810, 20 batzen
Zeeland, 1660, double ducatoon
England, Edward IV, Angel and Rose noble
Henry VI, salut
Scotland, Alexander III, penny
Scotland, James VI, shilling
George III, 1818, crown
George IV, 1821, crown and sixpence
Italy, Florence, Cosmo III, 1678, scudo
Papal, Paul III, scudo
Papal, Clement XII, 1736, 1/2 scudo
Malta, Martin Garzes, 1595-1601, zecchino
Brabant, Albert & Elizabeth, 1618, ducatoon
Holland, 1672, double ducatoon

A most worthwhile assortment including several quite rare pieces.

Correspondence continued on June 13 with another shipment from Frossard to Garrett, some of the coins described instead of just listed by envelope number: "I send you this day per Express:

the envelope numbers and prices is furnished us, making this vast and important shipment meaningless to us. Garrett did take a fair number of pieces, but we do not know what they were — merely some of the numerous "THG" specimens in John Garrett's Collection.

On May 18, further information came in on the Virginia shilling: "Mr. Lawrence does not wish to take less than \$100 for the 'Virginia Shilling' and as in the event of his not selling at this price he will probably make a present of the piece to our N.Y. Numismatic Society it would be well perhaps to let him have his way. [And did he? Is the piece now at A.N.S.?] "

"I do not consider the piece worth \$100, as it is not a brilliant or even uncirculated one, and I have no doubt that at some future time you will be able to buy one perhaps better for less money. [So this is definitely not the one THG bought, and we must look elsewhere for his source.] "

"There is no hurry about returning the piece (if returned), you can do so when you send back coins (as I suppose you will) from my last invoice."

Frossard's letter of May 23 begins with a statement of Garrett's account after he returned the unwanted pieces from that huge invoice. Since there is still no identification of individual pieces, I shall merely summarize by noting that he kept \$390 from the list, from several categories: gold; Roman bronze; Greek silver; Greek bronze; and modern silver; as well as those two Venetian osellae mentioned earlier, a total bill of \$429.60. We shall pick up the May 23 letter on its second page: "I regret that you found the prices of the gold coins too high, because, in the condition offered, it is difficult to duplicate at any price, and also because I can offer no concessions on the price, or only such trifling ones that would amount to very little. The Gold Medal of William and Mary quoted at \$50 I will let you have, rather than return it, at \$45. That rial of Elizabeth would, no doubt, have fetched \$50 at a sale, but I make it a point to offer my customers any rarities I may have, and to give them the benefit of the

bargain if bargain there be.

"I have Cents (types only) of Hon. Geo. M. Parsons for whom I have been selling many coins at private sale during past years. There is a 1793 Wreath (Monograph No. 4), sharply struck, nearly proof and bright red, just as it fell from the dies; also a Chain 1793 in nearly the same condition, but I would want \$300 for the former and \$150 for the latter, and even then could not afford to sell unless a few of the others were taken, so as to assure me that I would come out whole, but I would take \$750 for the entire lot and will send you complete list if you desire to buy.

"About that '93 Wreath — Messrs. Haseltine, Cogan, Smith, Sampson & others to whom I showed the piece at a recent sale all concurred in the opinion that it is without exception the finest Cent of this type they ever saw."

An important letter in one regard, a crucial in another. As far as the "1793 Wreath Cent" is concerned, we need have no doubt at all about the particular piece at issue. This is the one later catalogued by S.H. Chapman in the Earle Collection, described there as having come from S.K. Harzfeld to the Chapmans; thence to Parsons; then in the New York sale in the 1880's (obviously after this letter, perhaps a later Frossard sale?) to Winsor; from there to Earle at the Winsor Sale by the Chapmans.

Of greater significance, perhaps, than Frossard's handling of Parsons' large cent type pieces is the similarity of wording between his comments about having been handling Parsons' coins for several years and his comments about the owner of the 'Liber Natus' discussed earlier. We had already noted the probable connection between the owner of that piece and the owner of the earlier Colonials (the Bushnell pieces and others) acquired by Garrett from Frossard. We also noted that Ellsworth acquired from the Parsons' Sale, and John Garrett later got from the Ellsworth Collection, a superb 'Liber Natus' of this very rare variety. It then seems extremely probable, almost a certainty, that those Colonial pieces were all the property of Parsons, who, living in

might recall here that Parmelee had purchased the entire Bushnell Collection, extracted what he needed, and that the subsequent catalogue and sale were of pieces he did not need or which were put in with "reservations" such that he would get them back!]

"If you want this, I will agree not to offer elsewhere for the present. Price not yet fixed but it will probably not be less than \$250." At the top of the first page, as an afterthought, Frossard added: "Will send coins from N.Y. this P.M." Strangely enough, John Garrett later acquired from the Ellsworth Collection a *Liber Natus*, reverse die B, in EF (by current standards), ex Parsons Collection Lot 200 — perhaps the same piece?

Correspondence continued on May 7: "On Saturday I received from you a cheque of \$255.50, \$8.80 more than due, as I allowed you 10% on the silver and copper. This stands to your credit.

"Please let me know at your convenience if you keep the 2 Venetian gold. They are not my property, but belong to a New York party; I sent them to you because I consider them desirable acquisitions for any cabinet. [These were gold osellas of Francesco Molin and Aloysius Mocenigo, both rare, both still in the Garrett Collection.]

"The chief object of the present is to tell you that I received a telegram from owner of '*Liber Natus Libertatem Defendo*,' reverse Eagle on segment of globe, asking me to withhold the coin if not sold (for the present.) [Note on both this and the earlier Colonial pieces correspondence between Frossard and the owner is by telegram, not in person, implying that the owner is some distance removed from New York City.]

"I have just received a very fine invoice of Foreign Modern and Ancient Coins, gold and silver. It will take me a few days to arrange, etc. If you want to see the entire invoice, except such coins as I know you have, poor, common, etc., it is at your orders. There are more beautiful gold coins of Roman Emperors than I have yet seen; also many beautiful tetradrachms and splendid modern coins."

Garrett apparently wrote Frossard on

the same day, for we next find a letter of May 8, 1883: "Your favor of yesterday duly received. I will make up a package of very fine coins and forward same on approval about the 15th inst.

"The '*Liber Natus Libertatem Defendo*,' rev. Eagle on segment of globe, is the property of a gentleman who during the last three years has gradually disposed of his coins through me at private sale. He sent this with a large and unique Washington medal in silver, and before a positive price had been fixed telegraphed me to withdraw the piece. I have not heard from him, but will, no doubt. [Could this be the owner of the Silver Immune, the Rosas, and the Bushnell pieces?]

"The Virginia Shilling is the property of Mr. Cyrus Lawrence, 31 Broad St., New York. He told me that he wants \$100 net for it, which is too much. If you have found the piece to be perfectly satisfactory, I would suggest that you offer me \$50 for it. I will communicate to him the offer and we can then ascertain if he feels disposed to sell and what his lowest price is." [At the time of John Garrett's acquisition of the Ellsworth Collection (1923), he acquired the Gschwend specimen of the Virginia Shilling. He already had one from T. Harrison Garrett's collection which he then sold to Raymond.]

Our next letter from Frossard, dated May 14, is perhaps the most frustrating piece in the entire file: "I send you per Express this day the largest and finest selection of Coins I ever sent on approval, being the entire invoice received by me from Europe, except duplicates, poor coins, or such that I know you already have. The gold coins are net; on the others, bronze and silver, I will allow you 5% on \$200 to \$400, and 7 1/2% on \$400 or more, which is cyphering very closely, & I hope you will find very many wanted. In quality these coins cannot be excelled, & I have marked in each case as low as possible." Three and a half pages are then given over a massive list of coins sent, listed only by envelope numbers within various packages: Roman Bronzes, Greek tetradrachms, etc. . . . No information of any sort other than

which this sold he wants \$100. for the piece which I think considering its condition is too much. If you want it, make an offer which I will communicate to him.

"I also send on approval:

Venice:

5 zecchini of Fr. Molino 126.00

4 zecchini of A. Mocenigo \$21.00

\$47.00

"P.S. If you cannot do any better, I should be pleased to attend to any of your bids at coming sales in New York, especially in the sale of H.G. Sampson which will contain very fine cents and desirable foreign crowns. Having catalogued these for him [Frossard did free-lance cataloguing for several people] I can personally vouch for correctness of descriptions. On purchases amounting to say \$100 or more I charge a small com. and I buy at lowest possible rates, and always endeavor to do my customers full justice. I do not attend all N.Y. sales, but do so whenever I have sufficient bids to make it any object. The Sampson Sale (catalogue not out yet) I shall certainly attend . . ." As was the case with Newlin, Frossard too acted as a bidding agent for clients at the larger auction sales in his general vicinity. We may recall that Newlin served in this capacity only around Philadelphia, as Frossard did around New York. Other dealers, such as Massamore and Woodward, would travel much more extensively to major auctions far from their main bases (Baltimore and Boston respectively).

Frossard's letter of April 30 continues open themes: "Your favor of 28 July received this A.M. I thought that I was making a good offer on the coins you forwarded me for inspection, but of course they may have cost much more. My estimate was based upon what I could actually receive for the coins, viz. about \$130, and I doubt if they would bring more than that at auction. I should in my last have said (which I forgot) that in the event of your not accepting my offer, I would place in a sale, at lowest possible cost to you, and this offer remains open to you if you wish to avail yourself to it.

"The prices on the gold coins of my last invoice were net; on the silver, bronze, etc., I can allow you 10% = \$8.80 (total Gr. silver, Rom.silv., cop., etc. \$88) (gold \$167.50 net), which is a liberal discount.

"The Virginia Shilling is the property of Mr. Cyrus W. Lawrence, member of N.Y. Num. Society, a Wall Street banker and a gentleman of the highest honor. I believe he got this piece from a coin dealer [the "old debt"?]. Of course, the piece is guaranteed. I did not examine it with the same care that I would had it come from some other quarter. Any thing suspicious about it? If so, pray return it & I will examine it again myself & let others examine it.

"I have here for sale a Colonial Coin of the highest rarity & in very fine condition: Crosby p.321, Cut 64: obverse Indian 'Liber Natus Libertatem Defendo,' reverse 'Neo Eboracus,' eagle on section of globe (B). On Page 322 Mr. Crosby says, 'We can call to mind but three with reverse B but can place only those of Mr. Appleton and Mr. Bushnell.' Now, on turning to the Bushnell catal. I cannot find this coin; it certainly is not 886, 887; it is 888 with another reverse, so that either Mr. Crosby erred in stating that Bushnell had it, or the coin was taken out before the sale, and is now in Mr. Parmelee's cabinet, which is quite probable. [We



Liber Natus Libertatem Defendo
copper, reverse type Eagle on segment of globe (obverse). Frossard letter 4/30/83; later acquired by John Garrett (1923) ex Ellsworth.

1866 1.25; 1871 1.25; 1872 1.25; 1873 old 1.50; 1873 trade 1.25; 1876 1.50; 1878 1.25.	9.25
<u>Halves</u> 1796, very good for date	40.00
14 pieces, mostly very fine, <u>common</u> @ 60¢	8.40
<u>Quarters</u> 10 pcs (1815 poor), 1827, bal. fine but common	3.25
<u>Twenty Cents</u> 1875	.25
<u>Dimes</u> 1814, etc., poor, fair, good, uncir., proof, mostly common, 1822 I think in lot but too poor.	
38 pcs @ 15¢	5.70
<u>Half Dimes</u> 1796 poor 1.00; 1801 2.00; 1803 2.50;	5.50
21 poor to proof lot	2.50
<u>3 Cents Silver</u> 8 common	.40
III and I patterns, 1868	.50
<u>Cents</u> 1794, etc., very poor lot 15 @ .02	.30
1803 cent, fair .15; 1832 fine 1.00	1.15
<u>Half Cents</u> 19 pcs. including v. poor 1802 <u>poor</u> lot	.50
<u>Colonial</u> Gloriam Regni 1/4 crown 12.50; Chalmers Annapolis fair 1.50.	14.00
Immune Col. of Vermont & ditto Head of Geo. III, v. <u>poor</u>	2.50
14 miscel. Colonials <u>poor</u> lot	1.00
Wash. & Franklin silver token	1.00
Wash. Cent, 1791, poor .75; Liverpool 1/2d., pierced .50.	
Liberty & Security 1.00.	2.25
Lincoln, tin .10; Wash. jeton .05	.15
9 Hard Times tokens	.90
	<hr/> \$128.95

"I make this offer for the lot. Quite a number of the common ones I would probably not sell at quoted prices, ditto the early 1/2 dimes, 1/2 dollars (except '96), etc. If you accept my offer in trade for account of lot retained, please return this sheet as I have no other memorandum, and oblige... P.S. Package came in very bad order; one corner ripped open, but I do not think any were lost as inner paper was intact."

Garrett chose, in general, popular and representative types from the list of ancient coins (with asterick in list). Of greater interest to us is his attempt to unload some of his duplicates on Frossard in trade and the prices Frossard



Roman Empire, Nero, 54-68 A.D., gold Aureus (obverse). Frossard list 4/17/83.

offered for them. Note the generally low grades — probably some of Garrett's earliest acquisitions, perhaps gotten years before from change? Among the more interesting specimens would be the 1796 half dollar and the 1827 quarter, especially the latter. If this was, as the rest of the lot seems to have been, a circulated specimen, it is extremely probable that it is the one currently in the Eliasberg Collection — the only circulated 1827 known. Perhaps, however, it was a fake or an altered date. The Chalmers piece may still be in the Garrett Collection, since we do not know its denomination; the Gloriam Regni (French Colonial) 5 sous was probably one of the pieces John Garrett sold to Wayte Raymond in 1923 after acquiring better specimens in the Ellsworth Collection. The Vermont Immune and the George III/Vermont are probably the specimens of those mules still in the Garrett Collection. Garrett did not, as it seems, accept the offer; his reaction, in fact, was probably fairly strong as we shall see.

Frossard's next letter, dated April 25, continues a subject of the last letter: "I send you herewith: *Virginia Shilling*. This piece belongs to a Mr. Lawrence, a N.Y. Banker, who took it in payment of an old debt. Having seen the prices at

23-300 Calabria, didr.	2.00
23-302 Metapontum, didr.	2.50
23-306 Bruttium, didr.	2.50
23-307 Croton, didr.	2.50
23-320 Agathocles, tetradr.	15.00
23-322 Thracia, tetradr.	10.00
23-325 Alex. Magnus, tetradr.	10.00
23-338 Ephesus, tetradr.	12.50
23-342 Rhodes, drachm	2.00
23-343 Rhodes, didr.	2.50
23-351 Parthia [probably a drachma]	1.50
23-356 Parthia [tetradrachm?]	6.00
23-372 Egypt, tetradr.	6.00

Roman Aes & Fractions:

Aes Gravis	5.00
375 Aes Gravis, reduced size	7.50
376 Semis	5.00
282 Quadrans	3.00
378 Quadrans	3.00
— Quadrans	3.00
279 Triens	2.50
— Triens	3.00
380 Sextans	3.00
— Sextans	3.00
381 Uncia, <u>rare</u>	4.00
— Uncia	1.00

Roman Silver: [as described on envelopes]

20 Family denarii @ 75¢	15.00
17 Family denarii @ 50¢	8.50

Roman Bronze Coins:

Caesar Augustus [sestertius?]	4.00
Hadrian	2.00
12@ 1.00	12.00
5 @ 75¢	3.75
4 @ 50¢	2.00

Total \$440.75

"Hoping that you will be pleased with the selections made, and retain many... (over) Have you a Virginia Shilling? 1774? A gentleman of Wall St., N.Y., put one in my hands for sale. Condition very fine. [Surely, today's AU or better?] He wants \$100 for the piece, but I should be

pleased to transmit any offer for the same."

Frossard's next letter, dated April 24, provides a list of Garrett's purchases: "I am in receipt of your favor and package of coins returned—also some duplicates, etc., which you wish me to take.

"Of the coins sent I find you retain:

<u>Gold:</u> Phil.II; Alex.M.; Brutus; Aug.; J.Caesar; Nero; Lucilla; Valens; 388.	Total \$167.50
<u>Greek Silver:</u> 22; 435; 465; 473	Total 10.50
23; 300; 302; 322; 325; 338; 356; 272	49.00
<u>Roman Silver:</u> 12 @ 75¢; 5 @ 50¢	11.50
<u>Roman Bronze:</u> Hadrian; 7 @ 1.00; 2 @ 75¢; 1 @ 50¢	11.00
<u>AES:</u> 282; & another	6.00

\$255.00

discount on the silver 8.80

\$246.70

"On other sheet I give you valuations of what I can allow on the silver, etc., sent me. I make prices as large as I can in part exchange of above, net both sides. Valuations:

Dollars 1794 <u>poor</u> \$20	\$20.00
1799 1.10; 1800 1.25; 1847 1.10; 1850 2.00; 1859 1.25; 1861 1.25; 1862 1.50.	9.45

Gold:

20, 22, 24, 25, 26 (ducat), 27, 37 (Alfonso I, scudo d'oro), 38 (Alfonso V of Portugal, 2 ducats), 39, 40 (ducat, 1289-1311, 41 (zecchino, 1423-57), 48, 49 Total \$79.00

Silver:

51, 52, 56 (Frederick Ulrich, 10 thalers), 57 (Frederick Ulrich, 5 thalers), 70, 73, 77, 89 (Christian, John George & Augustus, thaler), 116, 154 (1678-89, Year 3), 155 (1680), 176, 183, 192, 197, 200, 214, 218 (Dadler medal), 247, 255, 436, 127 Total \$192.50

-5% 9.87

\$187.63

March 10 N.Y. in America \$12.50

April 2nd Numisma:

1454, 1458, 1463, 1464, 1467, 1456 \$29.50

Total \$308.63

[Garrett returned #197] -2.38

\$306.25

"I sent a package from N.Y. today, April 18, '83." This last comment, in a darker ink, was apparently added at the time the bill was marked PAID. The pieces Garrett retained were mostly European, with emphasis on Germany, Italy and the Low Countries. He had not yet ventured much into Scandinavian or Russian issues with the exception of the

Greek Gold:

Macedonia, Stater of Philip II, rev. Biga	\$25.00
Macedonia, broad stater, Alex. the Great	35.00
Syracuse, 1/4 stater, very fine and rare	8.00
Gallia, 1/4 stater, rude, fine	4.00
Thrace, Casseia, stater of Brutus	18.00
Bactria, stater, fine for this type	15.00

Roman Gold

Augustus Caesar, rev. Cajus very fine aureus	17.50
Julius Caesar aureus <u>very rare</u>	20.00
Tiberius Caesar " " "	17.50
Nero " " "	20.00
Titus " " "	20.00
Lucilla, wife of Lucius Verus aureus very rare	20.00
29-386 Valens, aureus [actually, solidus]	6.00
29-387 Gratianus, aureus	6.00
Arcadius, aureus	6.00
Justinus, aureus	7.00
Heracleus, aureus	7.50
Constantinus X, rev. Christ, aureus	7.50

Greek Silver: [as described on envelopes]

22-435 Capua (2) 3. & 2.	5.00
22-465 Athens, tetradr.	4.00
22-472 Cyrene, didr.	2.00
22-473 Agrigentum, didr.	1.50
22-474 Ptolemy, copper	1.00
23-298 Neapolis, didr.	2.00

platinum pieces. Several of the pieces acquired here were later disposed of by Garrett when he began concentrating more on American material. Most were probably sold through George Massamora's auctions, as we saw in the Newlin and Garrett article. Many of T. Harrison Garrett's foreign coins and medals, as well as many U.S. medals, were destroyed in the great Baltimore Fire of 1904, to our great loss.

As he had promised, Frossard sent an excellent selection of ancient coins for Garrett's approval. He would eventually keep more than forty pieces from the list, the beginnings of an Ancient Coin section in his cabinet. Interest in U.S. pieces sidetracked him from this area of collecting in a short while, however, and it was left to his son John to form a really superb collection of Greek and Roman coins and medals.

Frossard's letter is dated April 17: "In sending you a selection of Ancient Coins I assume that you wish to collect only fine specimens, irrespective of rarity. The following are generally all that can be desired in condition and many, especially of the gold, are rare:



Papal, Innocent XI, Year 3 (1680), Scudo (reverse). Frossard list 4/5/83, #154.



Peace of Breda, silver medal, 1667. Frossard list 4/5/83, #218.



one with punch on breast, while the Fugio cent with names of states on links is better known as the American Congress variety, this being by far the finest of the three known, a red uncirculated specimen. Both are Red Book plate coins.

Garrett took about a week to make his selections from this lengthy list, eventually keeping 13 of the gold and 22 of the silver pieces (entries with an asterick in list.) We note that Garrett was

purchasing very heavily in foreign coins and medals from Frossard at this time. Indeed, Frossard was his main source of supply for foreign pieces during the somewhat brief period in which he actively pursued them. At about this same time (April, 1883) we begin to follow the relationship between Garrett and Newlin. The delay in sending off his selection list to Frossard may be partially due to the Haseltine sale of Newlin's collection on April 10.

Be that as it may, we have finally reached the end of the "Bushnell" transaction. We find, in a letter of April 12: "I beg acknowledge receipt of your favor of 10th inst. with draft of \$875.— in full for the Colonial Coins. Please to accept my thanks, and my congratulations on your securing this really rare lot, at what must be considered very fair figures.

"I have also received a box containing a number of coins returned from the lot, sent on approval.

"By a few days I can make a better selection of Ancient Coins than I could today, because yesterday I left a number of fine gold coins with a New York friend for his assistance in their classification. Generally speaking I can do as well with Ancient Coins as with Foreign, and I noticed in Smith's recent sales a number of Greek that were sold by me to a New York dealer at much less than half what they sold for at auction.

"In a week or less you will receive a selection from me, comprising several fine aurei of early Roman Emperors, etc. . . ." We note that it was apparently Frossard's comment at the end of his previous letter that led Garrett into an interest in Ancients. Within a couple of years he was to head a group of "twelve gentlemen of Baltimore" who purchased a large collection of ancient coins from Germany and donated them to The Johns Hopkins University as the core of a teaching collection for the Classics, Art and Archaeology Departments.

On April 13 Frossard sent a summary of transactions in progress (Note: All material in parenthesis is added by author.): "I send you the following memorandum of coins retained from last invoice, which I think is correct:

Sale on February 24. Frossard was closely involved with French medals and jetons (Garrett had recently bought two of them from him) and was to write and publish a monograph on them. The delay in negotiations at this time may have been due to the owner trying to find a better deal on his own.

Garrett, in an unusual move, raised his offer on the Colonials before hearing the answer from the owner. Frossard replied on April 4: "Your dispatch was duly received but I could not then accede to your offer of \$850 for the lot of Colonial Coins. This morning I am in receipt of a communication from him, authorizing me to accept the amount suggested by me to him as a compromise, i.e., \$875. This concession on his part brings you so near together that unless I hear from you to the contrary I will send you the lot Friday at the price of \$875, and together with a fine selection of coins in gold and silver from a lot just received.

"I really think you are getting a most desirable lot of coins at very low rates. I am sure that Smith could have got \$1000 for the Doubloon alone, through Scott at public sale, and several dealers have assured me that they have customers who would pay \$700 for this piece . . ."

Success was at hand! I am sure Frossard was glad to be reaching the end of this tortuous transaction so that he could resume his normal activities with Garrett. The conclusion must wait a brief while, however, while we examine the fine list of pieces Frossard sent to Garrett on April 5, 1883. (Gaps in the list indicate returned pieces in most cases.)

"I send you per Adams Express, to be forwarded from New York, tomorrow, a package of coins as follows:

Gold Coins:

* 20. Luther & Melanchthon	3.75
* 22. Ferdinand & Isabella	12.50
* 23. Ferdinand & Isabella	8.50
* 24. Austria 1583 [presumably ducat]	4.00
* 25. Austria 1574	4.00
* 26. Hungary 1521	4.50
* 27. Breslau 1553	5.00
* 37. Ferrara 1505	5.00
* 38. Naples & Sicily (1458)	10.00
* 39. Spain & Sicily (Chas.V)	4.50
* 40. Venice, Peter Gradenigo	6.00

* 41. Venice, Francis Foscari	4.50
42. Malta, Garget G.M.	7.00
* 48. France, Philip II, Ang.	12.00
* 49. Brunswick 1799	3.25

Silver Coins & Medals:

* 51. Austria, Ferd.II, 1631	5.00
* 52. Austria, Joseph	5.00
* 56. Brunswick, 1634	50.00
* 57. Brunswick, 1614	27.50
63. Gotha	7.50
65. Battle of Turnhout	7.00
* 70. Westfriesland, 1696	7.00
* 73. Zeeland, 1694	7.00
* 77. Genoa, 1652	10.00
* 89. Saxony, 1598	2.50
*116. Ulm, seige, 1704	2.00
117. Landau, siege, 1713	4.00
*154. Holy See, Innocent XI, scudo	5.00
*155. Innocent XI, scudo	3.00
*176. Wm. Henry & Anne, 1733	12.00
*183. Geneva, 1882	4.00
*192. Spain, Chas. III	4.00
*200. Fribourg, 1813	4.00
*214. Pisa, 1839	2.50
*218. Peace of Breda	25.00
*247. Madras, 1/2 Pagoda	2.50
*255. Argentine Rep.	12.50
---. Brichaut-Washington-Hayes, set of 20	20.00 (set)

Copper Coins & Medals:

21. John Calvin	4.00
*127. Nap.II, 3 & 1 centimes (2)	1.00
137. Sweden, Christina	2.00
175. Anne of England, 2 bronze medals	
selection at 1.50	3.00
427. 9 coppers of Sicily	2.25
123. 3 Turkish coins	0.40
Total Gold	\$184.50
Total Silver	\$514.65
Total Copper & Br.	\$ 12.65

From "Numisma"

1. N.Y. Doubloon
 2. N.E. Sixpence
 3. Mass.Cent, arrows right claw
 4. Carolina eleph.
 5. Fugio Cent, names of States
 6. Immunis Col., New Jersey
 7. Pine Tree Sh. (1650)
 8. Vermonts
- lot of 8 net \$875.00

"The gold coins are net. On silver and copper combined I will allow you 5% if you take \$200 or more. I send you the cream of a very fine invoice (except Ancient; if you collect these I can supply you with both gold and silver coins.)"

We might note at this point concerning the Colonials: the Brasher doubloon from Bushnell is the unique

carefully revised the list of rare Colonial coins as follows:

Brasher's Doubloon	\$600.—
N.E. Sixpence	\$65.—
Mass. Cent arrows left	37.50
Carolina elephant	80.—
Fugio, names of states	80.—
Immunis Col.	50.—
Pine Tree 1650	42.50
Vermonts 1785	8.—
The lot \$950.—	\$963.00

"This I think is the very best I am authorized to do." But it was not enough!

March 19: "I will communicate your offer to owner of coins, but scarcely think he will accept, it being considerably under actual cost of coins. I expect shortly an invoice of Coins & Medals. There is a lot of 56 crowns of early dates, mostly in very fine condition; also a number of the large Brunswick, gold, English coins, etc. Shall I send you a selection on approval?"

We are not informed what Garrett's offer was, but can see that it must have been quite a bit below the \$950 Frossard had proposed (down, we recall, from an initial price of nearly \$1250 when first offered). The next letter, dated March 31, lets us determine the amount of that bid. "Your favor of 30th reached me this evening. I regret that several of the nos. wanted have already been sold, but shall express to you on Monday the following: 1454 \$4; 1458 \$4.50; 1462 \$2.50; 1463 \$3.50; 1464 \$3.50; 1467 \$4. Total \$22. Also take the liberty of adding on approval: 1456 size 28, not 24, a rare medal \$7.50. Total \$29.50. If you take these it will close out the lot except 1456 [sic] of no special account. [These are presumably all medals from a Numisma listing.]

"In regard to Colonial Coins, immediately on receipt of your offer I communicated the same to owner, adding on my own responsibility that the gentleman who wants to buy might possibly accept the compromise of \$875 (half way between your offer and his price) if he would authorize me to sell at this figure. [Hence Garrett's offer must have been \$800 as a counter to the \$950 offer, an extremely low price considering the pieces involved.] Up to this

evening I have not heard one word from him, but if you should accede to this, telegraph to me and I will telegraph to him and get a final assent or denial. In the meanwhile & until I see that no understanding can be reached I will not sell a piece out of the lot you wanted, while you, of course, are not under obligation to take them, and this arrangement you will, I am sure, consider very fair.

"The 1854 & '55 proof sets (latter lacks Quarter) I will sell you for \$150.— It seems to be an open secret that \$100 has been offered for a perfect set of 1855 in a coming sale, hence the price may not be deemed extravagant.

"My agent in sending me the Commune Medals which I added to Palmer Sale wrote as follows: [Translated from the French—"Struck from day to day during the siege; despite the horrors of the war and of the famine, the enthusiasts assembled daily and awaited the striking of new ones in this complete and unique series."] Nevertheless I had previously obtained other Commune medals, but of different workmanship and size — some satirical against Napoleon III & William of Prussia. One which I kept and now have in my small cabinet is a trial impression of an obverse on a lead planchet: Pegasus in the center, around which in 2 lines: Cheval Pegase, ne du sang qui jaillit de la tete de Meduse / Paris affame devore sa chair pendant que repose o a Muse." [While the Muse was sleeping, starving Paris devoured the flesh of the horse Pegasus who was born from the blood which burst from Medusa's head.] RF Siege de Paris 1870. This is in allusion to the horse flesh diet of the Parisians during the siege.

"About next Friday I shall send you a small but fine selection from a lot just received. Have not yet had time to assort them & will not till Thursday."

Negotiations continued to drag on, but at least the two parties were drawing closer together. The French Commune pieces which Frossard discusses were apparently of interest to Garrett when he saw them included in that Frossard



France, Louise XV, 1718, Ecu (obverse).
Ex Palmer Collection, Frossard's 28th
Sale, 2/24/83.

From the list of Colonial rarities Frossard was offering, as well as from the price level he says his client would have been willing to go to get the Brasher doubloon, we can add to our earlier speculations the obvious fact that this client was wealthy as well as being an advanced collector. \$1000 was really big money in that era for a single coin, and only an advanced collector would have chosen to put so much into as exotic a piece as the Brasher rather than, for example, an 1804 Dollar (which could be acquired at that time for about this same price).

February 27, 1883: "Your favor of 26 inst. with cheque for \$145.50 in full to date, also coins returned, duly received. Please accept my thanks for your promptness.

"When I bought at the Bushnell Sale for the present owner of Doubloon I had many other orders from him which remained unfilled because we thought they sold too high, and I limited my bids to what might be considered as good but not extravagant prices for rarities. There can, of course, be an honest difference of opinion as regards the value of the Doubloon, but I believe that with the exception of the 1804 Dollar it is the most desirable and valuable of all American coins. Its sale will only be a question of time. The piece will be offered in the March number of *Numisma* and any offer from you for it (and the others) will be at once communicated to owner. In the meanwhile, I am authorized if I can't get \$700 to take \$650, which I respectfully communicate to you. In the event of no buyer being found through an ad in *Numisma*, it is

barely possible that the piece will be offered at auction in the Fall."

Frossard sounds rather irritated; Garrett must have had some sharp complaints about the asking prices and about the Brasher in particular. Frossard was quite right about the rarity and desirability of the piece, and also about the probable price which could be extracted from it elsewhere. A question arises as to the reason for continuing negotiations with Garrett on the subject if the piece was so salable: why didn't Frossard take it elsewhere, or why didn't the owner take it back and place it elsewhere for sale?

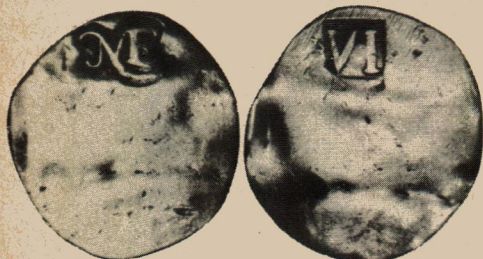
Negotiations did continue, however, the next letter being dated March 10: "In reply to your favor of the 6 inst. I will state that since you returned me the colonial Coins I have not offered them to any one, hence can still send you the 'New Yorke in America' at \$12.50, herewith enclosed, or if we can come to an understanding, the entire lot forwarded you on approval. [The New Yorke piece is still in the Garrett Collection. John Garrett in 1923 gave the duplicate from the Ellsworth Collection to the American Numismatic Society.]

"I am authorized by the owner to use my judgment in disposing of all these fine coins, and I think yet that by making slight concessions to each other we could come to an understanding. I am prepared to sell you the entire lot for about what I understand Scott has said he could obtain for the Doubloon alone if it had been placed in his hands for sale instead of mine." Frossard was about to discover Garrett's idea of "slight concessions" might not match his own. One wonders even more why Frossard is so willing to reduce prices on these pieces in order to sell them to Garrett, and what the owner had to say about it? Could the owner, perhaps, have run up a large bill with Frossard to the extent that he was forced to let him sell these pieces? Couldn't Frossard find another collector who would offer more?

And again, on March 14, indicating that Garrett's reply to the suggestion of further negotiations had been positive, "In reply to your favor of 12 inst., I have



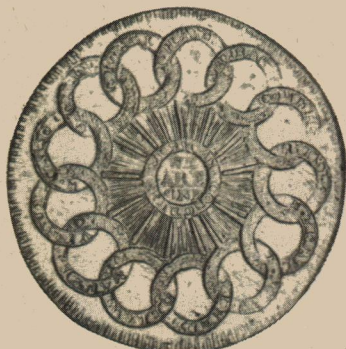
Brasher Doubloon, 1787, ex Bushnell 892. Frossard list, 2/23/83, and for many later letters!



New England, Sixpence, ex Bushnell 141. Frossard list 2/23/83.



Massachusetts Cent, 1787, Arrows and Branch Transposed. Frossard list 2/23/83.



Fugio Cent, 1787, American Congress, ex Bushnell 726 (reverse). Frossard list 2/23/83.

get up a catalogue for you. I ought really in justice to owner to offer the lot from B. Sale collectively at a fixed price, but I leave the matter in your hands."

What an exceptional approval shipment to receive without warning in your morning mail! This letter marks the beginning of a very lengthy exchange of letters concerning the Colonial pieces, primarily about the Bushnell specimens. Garrett paid immediately for some items: the previously discussed foreign pieces at the reduced prices; the Pine Tree threepence, 1787 Connecticut; the French jetons; and the \$50 California; total bill, \$145.50. It was to take more than a month and a half to complete the transaction for the remaining pieces, and many letters were involved. (We might comment here that the \$50 round California piece involved was the 1855 Wass, Molitor, uncirculated, which John Garrett sold for \$1000 to Wayte Raymond in 1923 after acquiring a better one in his massive purchase of the Colonial and Private Gold sections of the famous Ellsworth Collection.)

Another interlude: Frossard's 28th Sale, the Palmer Collection, sold on February 24, 1883. Garrett acquired a number of pieces from this sale:

England, George II, 1746, half crown, and shillings of 1745 & 1758

England, George III, 1816, half crown

England, Victoria, 1872, florin

France, Louis XV, 1718, ecu

France, Louis XVI, 1792, half ecu

France, Napoleon, 1811, 5 francs

France, Louis Philippe, 1848, 5 francs

France, 1850, 5 francs

France, Louis Napoleon, 1852, 5 francs

France, Napoleon III, 1861, 5 francs

France, Napoleon III, 1855, 2 francs, proof

France, Napoleon III, 1855, 1 franc, proof

France, 1871, 5 francs

Bavaria, 1870, gulden

Bavaria, 1869, thaler

Switzerland, 1851, 5 francs

Austria, Franz Joseph, 1858, florin

U.S.:

1861, silver dollar, proof

1862, silver dollar, proof

1866, silver dollar, proof

A nice group, filling some foreign holes and extending Garrett's holdings in proof strikes of the silver dollars. The French proofs are quite rare.

belonged to him, as did the silver Immune; so it is almost certain that the rest of the Colonials in that group were his also. Frossard's statement in one letter that the man was working on American medals, and in the other that he was working on U.S. silver and copper, might indicate two sources except that in this period of hand-written letters copies were rarely kept and dealers and collectors alike often forgot just what story they had used in their previous correspondence.

In addition, this letter gives us a glimpse of inter-dealer competition during this period. Not only did Frossard conceal his operations lest dealers offer lower prices when he finally advertised pieces for sale, but there existed a "clique" of New York dealers (Woodward also noted this) who would go to great lengths to prevent an "outside" dealer from moving in on their territory. This was, of course, characteristic of numismatics in the 1880's, as well as later. (A letter exists from S.H. Chapman to John Garrett in

the 1920's commenting on one particular case of dealer "freeze-out." William Woodin, the millionaire pattern specialist, purchased a large collection on speculation and ran it in an auction of his own. Both of the Chapmans and nearly all the other dealers boycotted the sale, or, if they attended, sat through all the sessions without bidding, picking up, in Chapman's words, only a few pieces "which were being slaughtered, just to meet my expenses." Woodin never tried it again.)

True to his word, Frossard sent off a group of coins to Garrett on February 23: "In accordance with your request I send you this day per Adams Express:

69	\$9.00
172	\$6.00
232	\$2.00
307	\$7.00
315	\$7.00
316	\$8.50
	\$39.50
5% off	-2.00
	\$37.50

The following are net:

1855 Calif. \$50	80.00
Brasher Doubloon (B.892)	700.00
N.E. Sixpence (B.141) <u>guaranteed</u> , has been examined by Crosby	70.00
Mass. Cent, arrows to left (right claw)	40.00
Carolina Elephant cent (B.185)	80.00
Fugio Cent, names of States on links (B.726)	80.00
Immunis Columbia, rev. shield	50.00
Pine Tree threepence, uncir.	8.00
Pine Tree shilling, 1650 (B.159)	45.00
Vermonts Respublica 1785 (B.740)	8.50
1787 Connect. cent, proof	15.00
New Yorke in America, earliest Am. token	12.50
French colonial jetons, 2 for	5.00
James II Florida piece, tin	3.00
Varieties, Rhode Island satirical, 2 for	6.00
	total \$1240.50

Those marked "B" are from Bushnell Sale. I will remark that the Brasher Doubloon sold comparatively very low. My bid on it from present owner was \$1000 or less (inclusive of 5% comm). Mass.Cent arrows right claw is much finer than the one in Bushnell on which buyers generally canceled their bids. I know where the one in Bushnell Sale is & can prove by actual comparison. Prices in all instances have been fixed at lowest

possible points and there can be no abatement upon them unless you should decide to take lot which I would call \$1200.00. In the hands of Smith, Scott, and others the Brasher Doubloon alone would be made to yield \$1200 or more at auction (see fancy prices late sales). I offer you this valuable coin with the expectation not to see you again unless I should some time have the pleasure to inspect your collection or

this major transaction, though the prices were eventually agreed upon. Before the next set of letters dealing with it occur, we have another interlude in the form of Frossard's 27th Sale, handled by George A. Leavitt & Co. (Bang's great rival) on February 8-9, 1883. Bidding through an agent under the pseudonym of "Mr. South," Garrett acquired about 30 pieces from this sale. The author does not currently have a copy of the catalogue, but among the pieces he purchased were:

Bremen, 1865, thaler
 West Friesland, 1759, ducat
 Utrecht, 1763 Rijder or 14 guilders
 Utecht, 1769, ducat
 Saxony, John, 1854, thaler
 France, Louis XVI, 1786, gold Louis
 England, William III, 1695, 1/2 guinea
 England, George III, 1812, Bank 1 shilling 6-pence
 U.S. Cent, 1854, Judd 160

Note that he is still working on both foreign and patterns at this time.

On February 13, Frossard continued the exchange of letters: "I have been so busy that I could not find the time to look at the coins (2 packages) returned by you. The list of those retained agreeing with that of your favor of 25 inst. is as follows: [Here follows a list of lot numbers and prices summing up the previous letters, though with the marginal comment, "You note 82 (12.00) retained; it is 82a (3.75)."] The bill was adjusted accordingly. The Cromwell crown has the following note: "Sold at over \$40. recent sale, not superior if equal to yours." Please to look over this, and if found correct kindly send cheque for amount. [\$521.55] I may be able to offer you very soon a few extremely rare coins (Colonial American)...P.S. The coins offered you at abatement still stand subject to your order; I have not heard from you since I received your favor accepting offer of Im. Col. at \$60."

The American Colonials on the previous list, from which Garrett took only the silver Immune Columbia, and this brief announcement of more pieces forthcoming from Frossard in the same field, herald the beginning of one of the mysteries involved in the Frossard correspondence: Where did these pieces

come from? So far we have seen only two clues: the source of the Immune was a gentleman who "now relinquishes Colonial Coins for American Medals," and that source was not Parmelee since he "wanted to exchange for his." Yet the source must be a major collector from the rarity of the pieces!

On February 20, 1883, we finally close out the lengthy transaction begun on January 4: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of yesterday with cheque \$521.55 in full account to date and for which please accept my thanks. [We note here again, as in Newlin correspondence, the speed of mail delivery in the 1880's: one day delivery from Baltimore to suburban New York!] On or before Monday next I will send you a package containing balance of crowns, etc., wanted, also the \$50 Cal. 1855 round, and a number of rare Colonial coins. Most of these were at the time bought by me for a gentleman who now relinquishes the Colonial coinage to perfect his set of U.S. silver & copper coins. I shall beg you to keep the fact of my sending you these private as I propose to advertise them in March Numisma if you do not purchase, and do not want coin dealers to know that prices on them have been fixed or the coins submitted to anyone. The Rosa Ameri. farthing lately sent you is a good sample of these coins and I was surprised you did not take as in uncirculated condition it is one of the rarest of American coins.

"I am glad you got some of the coins at Leavitt sale. [This indicates that Frossard knew of the "Mr. South" alias.] and are pleased with them; they sold generally at very fair rates. Our N.Y. friends, interested in their so-called coin-boom, do not attend my sales, and in fact do everything to prevent their success, but I am not at all sorry as it brings me directly in correspondence with bona-fide buyers, and if the prices are not quite so high they are nevertheless satisfactory."

This letter provides further clues to our mysterious source: he was dropping Colonials "to perfect his set of U.S. silver & copper coins," and the Rosa Ameri. farthing in the previous shipment

Saxony, Augustus, 1699, klippe thaler
 Saxe-Alt Gotha-Coburg & Eisenach, John Casimir & John Ernest, 1624, thaler
 Saxe-Weimar, 7 brothers, 1616, thaler
 Simmeren in the Palatinate, Richard, 1569-98, ducat
 Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, 1623, thaler
 Russia, 1823, 12 rubles platinum
 Russia, 1828, 3 rubles platinum
 Russia, 1842, 3 rubles platinum
 West Friesland, 1596, ducat a l'empereur
 Austria & Carinthia, Charles, 1591, ducat
 U.S.:
 1863, cent, Judd 299
 1864, dime, Judd 383, struck in nickel
 1865, three cent nickel, Judd 413, struck in copper
 1866, quarter, Judd 537, struck in copper
 1867, nickel, stars & rays, Judd 572, struck in copper
 1867, three cent nickel, Judd 559, struck in oroidé
 1868, nickel, Judd 623
 1861, \$5 and \$10, Clark, Gruber & Co., reeded edge, proofs in copper
 All the minor proof sets in the sale, which included nickels from 1869-1882; 3¢ nickels, 1869-1882; 2¢, 1869-1873; and the cents, 1869-1882.

An exceptional group of pieces, some of great rarity. Of the patterns, two — Judd 383 and Judd 623 — were in the 1975 Stack's Sale. Note that Garrett at this time was still working on his set of Russian platinum pieces.

The exchange of letters resumed on January 30: "Your favor of 27 reached me yesterday A.M. but have been unable to reply sooner. I am glad you keep the Immune Columbia at \$60 & think that you will eventually consider it as one of your cheapest and most desirable acquisitions. To judge from the excessively high prices paid yesterday at Burton's Sale the tendency of prices for fine [by which, of course, he means "out-

standing"] American coins is decidedly upward. [Britton Sale, not Burton. Frossard is still rushed!] Never have I seen such a concourse of buyers and such prices realized.

"The \$50 round California gold will be reserved & sent on approval at first opportunity.

"In regard to your queries about certain nos. of the coins submitted you, I will say that considering the liberal selection announced by your favor of 25 I will let you have:

32	\$5.--	reduced to	4.50
44	\$3.--	"	2.50
69	\$10.--	"	9.00
172	\$7.--	"	6.00
232	\$2.75	"	2.00
307	\$8.--	"	7.00
315	\$8.--	"	7.00
316	\$10.--	"	8.50

Add these nos. to the list sent me by your favor of 25 and take off the 5% on whole, except of course the Immune Col. & Oliv. Cromwell crown, both of which I have sold you at cost.

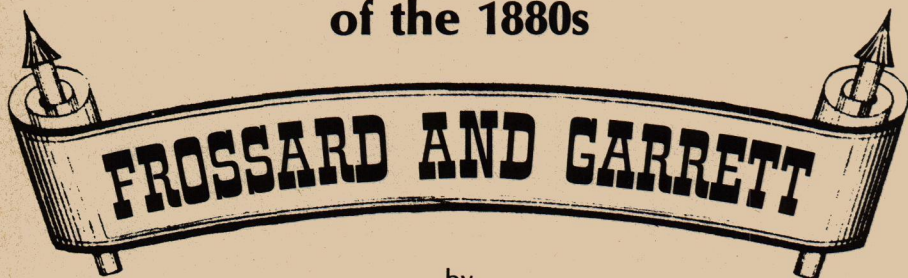
"I have not had time to open the package of coins returned sent by you, but suppose it contains all except nos. specified in your favor of 25. If it is so I will have to send you back 32, 44, 69, 172, 232, 307, 315, & 316, if you want them at the reduced rates, which with the additional 5% off bring them to about cost..."

We have not yet reached the end of



Italy, Florence, Cosmo III, 1684, Scudo (reverse). Ex Frossard's 26th Sale, 1/27/83.

A Historical Study of the Relationship Between a Semi-Professional Dealer and a Major Collector of the 1880s



by

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(continued from last month)

At this stage we have an interlude: Frossard's 26th Sale, held in New York on January 27, 1883, and run by Bangs & Co., the most prominent coin auctioneers of that era. Though Frossard had written the catalogue, he had nothing to do with the handling of the sale itself, and thus could sit in the audience and bid directly for his own clients. Since it was normal practice for many of the more prominent numismatists to bid or have bids made by agents under assumed names

(For example, Parmelee's bids in the Bushnell Sale were made under the name of "Mr. Stevens."), Frossard may never have known that Garrett made extensive purchases from this sale. In fact, as we shall see, Garrett did use an assumed name in at least some of Frossard's sales.

We have a fairly complete list of Garrett's purchases in Frossard's 26th Sale, and the pieces acquired include some very interesting items:

Italy, Florence, Cosmo III, scudos of 1684, 1694
Italy, Lombardy, Provisional Govt., 1848, 5 lire
Italy, Lucca & Piombino, 1805, 5 francs
Italy, Pisa, 1595, scudo
Italy, Two Sicilies, 1793, 30 tari
Italy, Papal, Sede Vacante, 1700, scudo
Saxony, John Frederick & George, 1536, thaler
Brunswick-Wolfenbittel, Henry Julius, 1609, 5 thalers
Brunswick-Wolfenbittel, Frederick Ulrich, 1625, 2 thalers

From Your President

Grover C. Criswell

As I write this message, I have just received word that the Treasury Department is going to restrike the identical Assay Commission Medal of 1977, from the same pewter stock, and make them available to the public at cost. A bouquet to the Mint and its new director, Stella Hackel.

The bitter and sweet go together, however, and the news released almost simultaneously with the above is that there will be no more public participation in the Assay Commission. I understand the President will ask Congress for legislature to do away with the commission altogether. For shame...a devil of a thing to do with America's oldest and most historic commission.

My campaign for commemorative coins has gotten a boost in recent weeks with the joining in of *Coin World* and other publications. I truly believe we can get a commemorative coin in the near future.

As has already been publicized, I appointed a dealer relations, or liaison, committee chaired by veteran Governor John Jay Pittman. The committee consists of Robert R. Johnson, Paul Koppenhaver, Lester Merkin, Leon Hendrickson, Lucien Birkler and Bob Westfall. Seven good men and true... I believe these people are all quite well known, of impeccable reputation and vast interests. One or more of them is usually available at any major, and many minor, shows throughout the country. Hopefully dealer complaints, ideas, etc., can be worked out by this distinguished group.



Grover C.

including the first known American made Vermont style counterfeit "1776" British halfpence. In Hannahstown and Fort Ligonier, Pennsylvania, there have been found in and around homes, taverns, and camp sites since 1969 over 250 coins, principally consisting of George II and George III English halfpence (genuine and counterfeit), Connecticut, New Jersey, and Nova Constellatio coppers, and several genuine William III halfpence.¹⁵ To these finds may be added the salvage of

Spanish American gold and silver coins from treasure ships which sank in Florida and other coastal waters of the United States. Other so called "hoards" which were not dug up and were not really lost do not qualify in the "buried" category. The Philadelphia trove stands as a find of major importance, bringing to light both a diverse array of genuine coins in use in early times on the Philadelphia water front and the largest quantity of counterfeit coins ever uncovered in America.

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Most of the artifacts found by the William R. Paull family (including their 1699 counterfeit halfpence) are on permanent display in the Philadelphia Maritime Museum at 321 Chestnut Street, which is very close to the site of the highway trench where the items had originally accumulated.

Identification Number	Country and Denomination		Date and Comments	
421	France	Ecu	1735	Paris Mint
422	France	Ecu	17—	40% portion of Louis XV counterfeit in white metal
423	France	Louis d'or	1726	Paris Mint
424	India	—	1809-17	Unidentified copper piece
425	U.S.A.	Pattern	1785	Immune Columbia - Nova Constellatio in copper (Crosby VII-30)
426	U.S.A.	1/2¢	1800	
427	U.S.A.	1/2¢	1805	
428-432	U.S.A.	1¢	1794	
433	U.S.A.	1¢	1795	
434	U.S.A.	1¢	1796	
435,436	U.S.A.	1¢	1797	
437,438	U.S.A.	1¢	1798	
439	U.S.A.	1¢	1803	
440	U.S.A.	1¢	1808	
441	U.S.A.	1¢	1810	
442	U.S.A.	1¢	1812	
443,444	U.S.A.	1¢	1816	
445	U.S.A.	1¢	1831	
446	U.S.A.	1¢	1832	
447	U.S.A.	1¢	1862	
448	U.S.A.	1¢	1890	
449	U.S.A.	1¢	1907	
450	U.S.A.	5¢	1850	Silver
451	U.S.A.	5¢	1867	Nickel
452	U.S.A.	10¢	1882	
453	U.S.A.	25¢	1876	
454	U.S.A.	50¢	1809	
455	U.S.A.	50¢	1827	
456	U.S.A.	50¢	1834	
457	U.S.A.	\$1	1802 over 01	
458	U.S.A.	Token	COMPLIMENTS OF J.E.W. — FRONT & DOCK, holed (five cent size)	
459	U.S.A.	Counter	Brass Counter of Henry Kettle made in England to resemble an 1803 United States Half Eagle	

Supplementary Finds

The following are just a few of the additional coins which have been found since this article was first written. All of those coins found have not been disclosed, and new finds are currently being made.

460,461	England	1/2d	1723
462	France	Ecu	1735
463	New Jersey	Copper	1787

A genuine 1726 gold Louis d'or from the Paris Mint has been the only gold piece found to date.

Conclusion

The Philadelphia trove is a surprising as well as a unique archaeological discovery, as there have been very few buried coin hoards located in the United States. The Castine, Maine find in 1840-

41 was a treasure buried about 1704 of over 500 pieces of Massachusetts and foreign silver, and contained the unique and controversial MASASTHVSETS Pine Tree Shilling (Noe 12). The Richmond's Island, Maine pot of 52 English gold and silver coins was unearthed in 1855, having been buried about 1645. In 1863 at Roxbury, Massachusetts, a boy found 28 Massachusetts silver coins buried in loose gravel. An iron kettle was unearthed in 1950 at Stepney, Connecticut, containing over 200 pieces of Connecticut, Vermont, New York, and Machin's Mills coppers from the 1785-89 period,

Schedule of Coins From The Philadelphia Find

(All English and Irish halfpence are genuine unless otherwise noted, but the condition of some makes such determination uncertain)

Identification Number	Country and Denomination	Date and Comments
1	England 1/4d	169— (Tin with copper plug)
2	England 1/4d	1774
3,4	England 1/2d	1694
5-366	England 1/2d	1699 (Type 2) Cast copper counterfeits with filed edges
367,368	England 1/2d	1700 (Type 3)
369,370	England 1/2d	1719
371	England 1/2d	1722
372	England 1/2d	1723
373	England 1/2d	1724
374,375	England 1/2d	1730
376	England 1/2d	1731
377	England 1/2d	1734 Cast lead counterfeit
378	England 1/2d	1735
379,380	England 1/2d	1737
381	England 1/2d	1737 Cast pewter counterfeit with 2 holes for use as a hummerdinger
382	England 1/2d	1738 Cast pewter counterfeit with wood grain horizontal striations on both faces
383	England 1/2d	1738 Cast pewter counterfeit with wood grain vertical striations on obverse
384	England 1/2d	17— George II (young head) copper plated tin counterfeit
385	England 1/2d	17— George II (young head) pewter counterfeit
386	England 1/2d	1746
387	England 1/2d	1748
388	England 1/2d	1750
389	England 1/2d	1755
390,391	England 1/2d	1757
392	England 1/2d	17— George II (old head) copper counterfeit
393	England 1/2d	1771
394	England 1/2d	1772
395	England 1/2d	1773 Lead counterfeit
396	England 1/2d	177— Lead counterfeit with part of right side broken off
397	England 1/2d	1775
398	England Medal	1746 Lead counterfeit of Duke of Cumberland medal
399	England 1d	1787 Paris Mines, Anglesey token payable at London, Liverpool or Bristol
400	Ireland 1/2d	1681
401,402,403	Ireland 1/2d	1723 Wood's coinage
404	Ireland 1/2d	1737
405	Ireland 1/2d	1750
406	Ireland 1/2d	1752
407	Ireland 1/2d	1776
408	Ireland 1/2d	1781
409	Ireland 1/2d	1804
410	Spain 1/2R	1781 Mexico City Mint
411	Spain 1R	1740 Mexico City Mint
412	Spain 1R	1763 Mexico City Mint
413	Spain 1R	1779 Mexico City Mint
414,415	Spain 1R	1781 Mexico City Mint
416	Spain 2R	1780 Mexico City Mint
417	Spain 2R	1783 Mexico City Mint
418	Spain 8R	1753 Mexico City Mint
419	Spain 8R	1755 Mexico City Mint
420	France Ecu	1733 Pau Mint Counterfeit in tin

sand mold. The flange on the counterfeit clearly indicates that it was not ready for circulation and would not have been given to the passer in that form. It was obviously a rejected experiment or unfinished product from a local counterfeiter's operation.

The fact that wood grain marks extend over the coin is strange. If the pattern coin mounted on wood was pressed into sand then the wood grain should not appear on the cast coin. The appearance of the grain on the coin seems explicable only by a piece of grained wood first being used to flatten the sand in the mold. Then the subsequent impression of the coin pattern was not strong enough to eliminate all of the wood grain design in the coin area, leaving undisturbed the grain design surrounding the circumference of the coin area.

Another George II counterfeit in pewter has a flange extending about 1/8th inch beyond the intended circumference of the coin. It also shows some wood grain design. Its date is illegible. It may have been produced by the same maker as the 1738 counterfeit described previously.

A counterfeit George II halfpenny without a discernable date but with the young head of the King is unusual in that it is composed of substantially pure tin with a very thin copper colored surface. The surface has occasional breaks where the shiny tin shows through. An analysis of the surface indicates a presence of copper, iron and lead. The specific gravity of the coin is 7.06 compared to 7.28 for pure tin. It weighs 6.8383 grams (105 1/2 grains). The low melting point of tin (232 degrees centigrade) causes a rejection of the thought that the copper surface was produced by a hot dip. A copper coating was desirable for its circulation and apparently was applied by the use of a copper colored metallic paint. An oxidation reduction process by which tin can be dipped in a hot salt mixture to produce a copper plating was not then known.

A 1737 pewter counterfeit English halfpence has two holes punched

through it equidistant and near the center of the coin. This was a hummer-dinger (humdinger) which when strung to both hands by a looped string provided a spinning and humming yoyo for an eighteenth century Philadelphia child.

One lead cast of a struck medal was found. It was such a poor casting that only the partial outline of the device and none of the legend is visible. With help from James Brady of the American Numismatic Society the cast was identified as a copy of a 1746 English medal in honor of William, Duke of Cumberland, for his victory at Culloden over Bonnie Prince Charley. A figure male dressed in plaid kneels before and doffs his hat to a crowned rampant British lion. This medal was popular among Protestants and a Philadelphia counterfeiter was attempting to reproduce them for sale, but apparently the one found was a reject. No cast of that poor quality would have been imported from England. It weighs 13.32 grams (205 1/2 grains) and has a 10.5 specific gravity.

The great bulk of the coins found other than the 1699 halfpence were genuine and ranged in date from 1681 to 1907. United States coinage was principally concentrated in the 1794-1816 period. Eighteenth century English, Irish, French, and Spanish Colonial pieces showed that those coins were then circulating in Philadelphia. There were the customary number of counterfeits among the English coppers and the only "United States" piece of questionable status was a Henry Kettle game counter in brass which resembles the U.S. 1803 gold half eagle. An attempt to pass this Kettle piece for \$5 might have occurred and either the receiver threw it away in the presence of the passer or the unsuccessful passer threw it away to get rid of the evidence.

A counterfeit 1733 French ecu with a Pau mint mark and weighing 19.6163 grams (302.8 grains) proved to be made of tin with a small amount of antimony as an impurity. Its specific gravity is 7.27. A counterfeit 1735 French ecu is quite similar.



1785 Immune Columbia - Nova Constellatio copper found at a Philadelphia dump site.

adulterated with natural impurities, such as antimony. Its color was dark or light depending on the composition as evidenced by the many pewter plates, mugs, and eating utensils found at the Philadelphia sites. How pewter halfpence could be reasonably expected to pass in circulation with their dark gray color is another problem, but in candlelight at night perhaps their color would not be readily noticeable.

One 1738 pewter George II counterfeit halfpence puts all the others in shadow. It offers very convincing proof that coin counterfeiting was also being done in Philadelphia at about that time. It weighs 207 grains and has an 11.2 specific gravity. It contains a very wide flange extending out from the circumference of the coin area. There are striations horizontally across the obverse and reverse of both the flange and coin area, being less pronounced on the coin. These striations have the same appearance as the grain of a weathered wood board. In addition at 3 and 9 o'clock on each surface at the circumference of the coin area are raised impressions of bent nails, clearly showing that the coins used as casting patterns had been nailed onto a block of wood so that they could be easily held while making their impressions into the



Sand cast pewter counterfeit 1738 halfpenny with wide flange showing wood grain from board used as a sand flattener and impressions of nails used to mount coins used as casting patterns.

in England and substituted for the genuine halfpence which passed for one penny in Pennsylvania currency. the combined profit increased to 80 per cent on the investment for the importer and the passer (the latter being then known as a smasher). If counterfeit halfpence could be bought for 60 percent of the face value, the profit would reach 100 percent.

Whoever held the hoard of William III counterfeit halfpence apparently did not dispose of all of them before halfpence disturbances and agitation began. In 1738 there were so many genuine halfpence in circulation in Philadelphia that some merchants refused to receive them back for one penny Pennsylvania currency. A printed broadside was circulated in Philadelphia written by Dick Farmer (a fictitious name) asking that the General Loan Office of Pennsylvania be authorized to accept halfpence at that rate, but such a law would have encouraged importation of greater quantities of English halfpence. On January 2, 1741, a riot in Philadelphia took place because some shopkeepers would only accept 5 English halfpence as equal to 4 pence Pennsylvania currency. This was made the official rate on June 18, 1741, by a Philadelphia ordinance providing for 15 halfpence to be equal to a Pennsylvania shilling (4/5ths of a penny each) and making it a disturbance of the peace not to accept them on that basis.¹³ This put English halfpence virtually on a fair exchange basis. With all this agitation over genuine halfpence, it was no wonder that the owner of counterfeit halfpence felt that it was too risky to circulate them.

There are several characteristics of the 1699 counterfeit halfpence similar to the counterfeits described in the prosecution in Philadelphia in September 1783, of William Trickett and Samuel Cryndal for counterfeiting 300 English halfpence. The defendants were brass founders. Cryndal asserted that when he applied to Trickett for employment, Trickett described the job as "Undertaken to [do] Cast Work for Coach Harness Makers," indicating that sand casting was

the process used. Cryndal Trickett "showed him" said that he "was prevailed on to file some counterfeit Coppers for what Purpose your Petitioner did not then apprehend" and subsequently said that he was "innocently" filing the edges of "pence" (actually halfpence which were then referred to as pence since there were then no coined copper pence) for his employer, John Stanton.¹⁴ These assertions indicated that in 50 years procedures for counterfeiting copper had not changed substantially.

1785 Immune Columbia

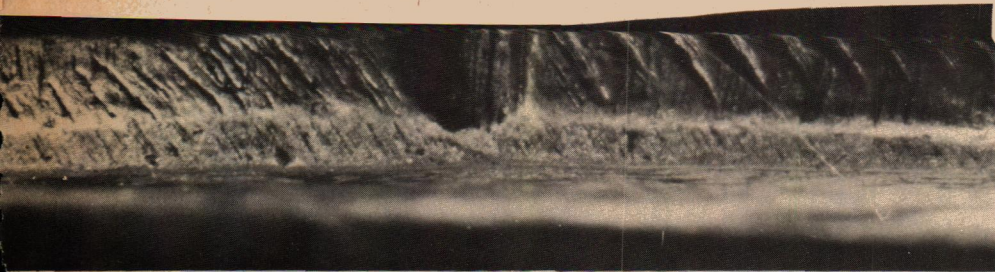
A most important American copper coin found at a dump site was a 1785 Immune Columbia - Nova Constellatio Copper (Crosby VII-30). A few examples of these pieces were sent to America from Birmingham, England in the hope of securing coinage contracts from the Continental Congress which was meeting in Philadelphia. The Nova Constellatio die had already been used on the 1783 Nova Constellatio copper coinage introduced by Gouverneur Morris into American circulation. It is therefore quite natural that an Immune Columbia piece was both lost and subsequently found in Philadelphia.

The newly discovered piece weighs 148.3 grains and has a specific gravity of 8.8. The coin has areas of green corrosion and some raw copper spots from cleaning, but is generally in fine condition as far as wear is concerned. It is buckled somewhat with the convexity on the reverse.

There are about 15 known examples. The Immune Columbia die was brought to America by Walter Mould and in 1788 was used in America in combination with a Vermont obverse (Ryder 1) and also with an American counterfeit GEORGIUS III halfpence obverse (Crosby, p. 312).

Other Coins Found

There were several pewter and several lead counterfeit George II and George III halfpence found. Pewter consisted of varying proportions of tin and lead



Typical edge filing marks on the counterfeit 1699 halfpence found in Philadelphia.



Obverse of counterfeit 1699 halfpenny showing casting defects from sand slippage during casting.

Philadelphia pieces are so different from the smooth edges of the official coins and puzzling in that so much labor was required in this filing process. Yet what other choice did the counterfeiters have if their sand casting process left sprue at the edges and other flowage defects where the sand molds were joined.

While the designs of the 1699 counterfeits are weak, their characteristic surface roughness has not been smoothed by wear, indicating that they did not circulate. On genuine struck coins of 1698, 1699, and 1700, the surface imperfections of the cast blanks have usually been somewhat eradicated by wear. The Philadelphia counterfeits also show little chemical deterioration from their period of burial. Their dark brown surface color is typical of similar copper coins which have been exposed only to atmospheric conditions for many years.

It seems logical that between 1725 and 1735 some Philadelphia merchant had imported the counterfeit 1699 halfpence from England to make a profit by paying them out as change. This merchant was not satisfied with the customary profit he could make in circulating genuine halfpence for one penny in Pennsylvania money of account. The Spanish dollar as a standard of exchange was then equivalent to 4 shillings 6 pence in English sterling or 108 genuine halfpence. In Pennsylvania the Spanish dollar was equal to 7 shillings 6 pence (180 halfpence) Pennsylvania money of account. Thus genuine English halfpence which customarily passed for one penny in Pennsylvania money of account created about a 20 per cent profit for anyone bringing genuine halfpence from England to Pennsylvania and circulating them. Genuine English copper coins had been so circulated in Pennsylvania since prior to 1682, as stated in the following London news notice (Note the overly optimistic profit predicted.):

"From Bristol They write that another Ship is fitting out for Pensylvania on board which 40 Quakers together with their families will imbarq; and amongst other things tis said they carry over with them 300 pounds-worth of Half-pence, and Farthings which in that Colony go currant for twice their value and 'tis added that some discontented Presbyterians will Likewise accompany them."¹²

When in the eighteenth century counterfeit (rather than genuine) halfpence could normally be bought in England for two thirds of their face value

contractors. The willingness to place the coinage of copper in private hands and the laxness of the moneyers is at least partially explained by the official position that copper coins were not proper money but token money to make change.¹⁰

William III Copper Counterfeits

The production of counterfeit copper coins in the 18th century in England began soon after the cessation of official copper issues in 1724. To accomplish this the counterfeiters melted down the newer George I coins and produced counterfeits of the 1694 to 1701 coinage at three-fourths of the official weight.¹¹ Soon after 1730 forgers were using commercial copper to counterfeit the George II issues.

The weight of the Philadelphia pieces matches that of counterfeits dated from 1694 to 1701 and made about 1725. The high quality of the copper found in the pieces is consistent with the metal originating from the George I regal coinage of 1717-24. The low oxygen

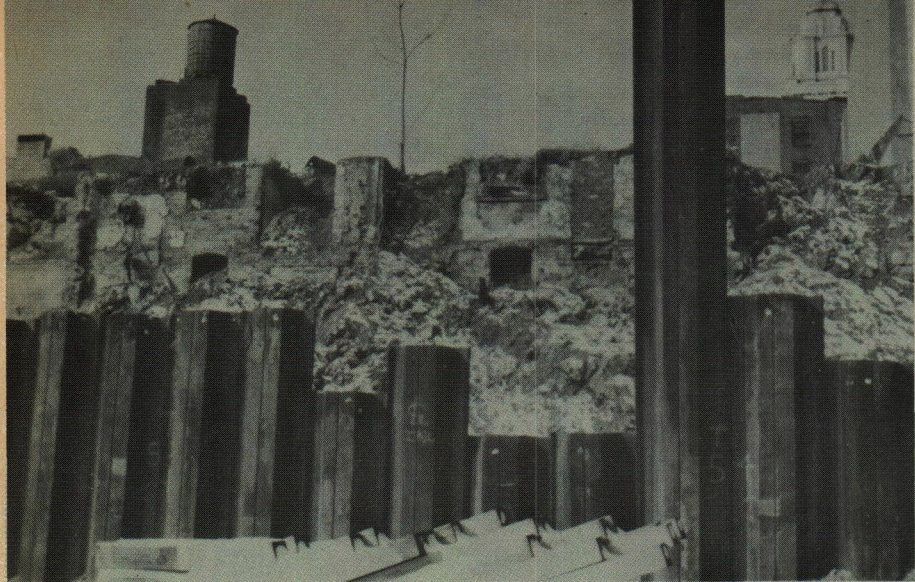
content speaks for a well developed casting technique, indicative of a large and well organized operation. The conclusion that the Philadelphia counterfeit 1699 halfpence are of English origin seems inescapable.

Counterfeiting William III 1699 halfpence took advantage of the fact that most genuine 1699 coins were heavily circulated and worn by 1725, particularly those which had come to America. There were no copper coins minted for circulation in England from 1701 until 1717 so that William III halfpence remained in circulation while George I coinage was introduced. Thus, the public would be expected to accept without concern what appeared to be heavily worn William III copper halfpence but which were actually counterfeits made to appear worn and old.

The rough file marks on the edges of the Philadelphia hoard pieces are an interesting and puzzling feature; interesting in that the edges of the



Digging about 15 feet below street level into the embankment of the highway trench where the first coins were found.



Looking west across the trench at the exposed fireplaces of early Front Street dwellings.

of 161.9, 160.4, 157.3 and 156.9 grains respectively for the four different types of halfpennies, and 87.6 and 79.3 for the two issues of farthings. A weight range of about 50 and 30 grains for the two denominations is centered around the average.

Since only two genuine halfpence dated 1700 and no genuine halfpence dated 1699 were found in Philadelphia, other numismatic collections containing genuine 1698, 1699 (including Type 2), and 1700 halfpence have been studied. Their average weight conforms to the 166.6 grain standard and falls within Peck's findings. There is roughness and pitting in their planchets of a nature indicating the use of cast planchets rather than poor rolling. The edges of the genuine pieces are rather square which is ordinarily a characteristic feature of punched blanks, but an alternating pattern of flat areas with fine striations due to shearing and jagged areas due to fracture could not be discerned. On all genuine pieces examined the edges are smoother than the obverse and reverse surfaces, suggesting that if cast blanks were used, an edge rolling operation in a Castaing type machine might have been applied to the edges.

The reverse dies of William III copper

halfpence were made with a device punch of the figure of Britannia engraved by John Roettier for Charles II halfpence. The obverse bust punch is believed to have been cut by James Roettier. The making of the actual dies was apparently done at the Royal Mint, but due to lack of quality control the die sinking was sloppy and characterized by some faulty and blundered lettering. Peck records 39 lettering errors for this period, compared with 4 for the 1672 to 1679 copper coinage and only 2 errors for the prolific copper coinage of 1717 to 1754. The blunders include omitted letters (GVLIEMVS, GVLIELMS, GVLILMVS, TERTVS), transposed letters (GVLILEMVS, GVILELMVS), incorrect letters (MVRIA, RRITANNIA, GVLIIEEMVS), and an upside down A instead of V (GVLIELMVS, TERTIVS). There are many examples of an A without a crossbar. Peck asserts that these are not cases of defective A punches.⁹ This assertion is not corroborated and is challenged by the example of an A with a very weak but distinct cross bar being found by the authors.

The many blundered dies are the customary result of placing the responsibility for both the coinage and the profit from it in the hands of private

during the interval. A short-lived patent was given to Andrew Corbet in 1693 which called for 780 tons of copper to be struck over a nine year period beginning March 25, 1693. Only a few very rare 1693 farthings are now attributed to this contract, and in the next year a new license was granted to Sir Joseph Herne, Sir Francis Parry, George Clark, Abel Slaney, and Daniel Barton for coinage of halfpence and farthings totaling 700 tons with a face value of £137,200 sterling to be minted over a seven year period beginning midsummer 1694. Under this contract the copper coins of William and Mary dated 1694 and of William III dated from 1695 to 1701 were struck. The franchise for these coins allowed a reasonable private gain for the contractors. Since the copper weight of these coins and the total number to be struck were specified in the license, the contractors had to make most of their profit by minimizing the cost of production. One of their methods was using cast blanks in blatant disregard of the terms of their contract. The contract called for blanks of best English copper, rolled and milled, to be struck into coins at the Mint.⁷

By January 13, 1695/6 a petition to Parliament alleged that the new coins were of base copper, light in weight and made from cast blanks. The report of the committee investigating these complaints approved the quality of the copper used and the weight of the coins, but confirmed that cast blanks were often employed. One of the Roettiers family of engravers testified that the casting of blanks was preferable because (1) casting was a more rapid process than rolling and cutting copper, and (2) the

life of coinage dies was three times longer when used to strike cast blanks than when used to strike blanks cut from rolled strips.

The moneyers were paid 1 7/8 pence per pound weight of coinage, and this included preparation of the dies. This was a very low fee, since the moneyers previously were paid 2 1/2 pence per pound weight of coinage for copper coinage, and the engravers were separately paid another penny per pound weight of coinage for the dies.

From Ruding's summary of the committee report it seems that it was the moneyers rather than the contractors who decided to use cast copper blanks for the 1694 to 1701 coinage. Mr. Davis, the roller and cutter, said that the copper used for rolled blanks had to be fine or it would not roll, but he could not say anything about those which were cast except that the patentees paid five pence per pound weight for making either sort of blanks. This makes it appear that some blanks were made outside the Mint and that there was no monetary advantage to the contractors in buying cast blanks.⁸

Because the moneyers were paid by the weight of the coins struck, it was they who benefited by using blanks which were more easily struck and which allowed the dies to last longer. In fairness to the moneyers the low fee paid to them may have made it necessary for them to sacrifice quality somewhat. At this time, there was lack of work at the Royal Mint, such that an allowance of £30 per year was given to each of the 13 moneyers from March 25, 1693 until the Mint was busy again. Both Peck and Craig wondered why the copper coinage was granted to outside contractors when the moneyers were in distress through unemployment. The explanation must simply be that the contractors could arrange reduced wages more easily than the Crown.

The weight standard for the 1694 to 1701 copper coinage seems to have been generally complied with. Halfpennies and farthings were to weigh 166.6 and 83.3 respectively under the 1694 contract, and Peck records average weights



Genuine English 1699 William III
Type 2 halfpenny.

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counterfeits examined is 4.38 to 10.98 grams (67.6 to 169.4 grains). The weight distribution of the counterfeits is uniform about the mean, indicating that no attempt had been made to select these pieces out of a group of counterfeits on the basis of their weight.

There are pieces in the Philadelphia hoard where the device appears to be doubled as in a double struck piece, but this is due to a movement of the pattern in making the sand mold. Others show copper flow caused by sand slippage when the pattern was removed or after the mold was prepared. One has the IA of BRITANNIA over the 99 of 1699, indicating that the mounted coin used

for the pattern was rotated clockwise after first being lifted slightly out of the sand mold and then accidentally falling back into the mold. Some pieces have raised lumps and dots, indicative of casting defects.

Having established that the Philadelphia hoard halfpence are counterfeit raises some interesting questions. What were the economic conditions which brought about the American circulation of such counterfeits? When and where were they made, and is there any previous reference to them?

Characteristics of Genuine 1699 Halfpence

The official issues of William III copper halfpence and farthings are among the most crudely executed of all English copper coins, thus qualifying as attractive targets for counterfeiters. Very little has been written about the genuine pieces and even less of counterfeits. A detailed description of the English copper coins minted during the decade beginning in 1690 appears in Peck's study, but he relied heavily on secondary sources for his background material, thus limiting his comments on the coins and the means by which they were produced.⁵

English coinage of copper resumed in 1693 after a lapse since 1679, halfpence and farthings being struck only in tin



Checking the Weccacoe Avenue dumpsite with a metal detector in September 1975.

metallographic examination and electron microprobe analysis reveal a typical dendritic microstructure of cast metal and a high purity copper substantially free of oxygen. A good raw material source and excellent casting technique is indicated.

That the pieces are counterfeit is particularly evident from their short weight. The average weight of the 187 examples which were available for measurement is 7.23 grams (111.6 grains), with a standard deviation of 1.11 grams (17.1 grains). C. Wilson Peck reported an average weight of 157.3 grains for genuine pieces of this issue and a range from 147.3 to 181.1 grains, the standard legal weight being 166.6 grains.⁵ The weight range of the



William R. Paull holding examples of his find of counterfeit 1699 halfpence just after locating them.

beginning one month before the original find of the coins and continuing at least until April 1975. The bulldozers at the dump sites continually graded the areas, mounding up some earth for future use elsewhere. This prevented a systematic search of these areas, and many artifacts were broken or buried. Debris and earth from other areas were also hauled in, but exploration continues and new finds are still being made at the dump sites from time to time.

All of the 1699 halfpence had the bust and legend of William III and were of the type with the date following the legend (Type 2) rather than the date being in the exergue (Type 1).³ All have very weak detail, and were counterfeits intended for circulation, produced by sand casting. (Striking counterfeit English copper coins from dies did not begin until April, 1752. Casting in sand was the prior method.)⁴ Mold lines or sprues are

evident on the edges of some pieces. Virtually all of these coins have heavily and irregularly filed edges, perhaps in imitation of the diagonally ridged edges on English gold and silver coins. All types of genuine William III 1699 halfpence have plain edges. The counterfeits were cast from two piece molds made by impressing into the casting sand the same pair of coin faces. These coin faces appear to have been made from genuine coins, since a comparison of the counterfeits with genuine pieces reveals virtually identical characteristics in device and letter outlines and detail. Obviously the simplest way to produce sand cast counterfeits is to use genuine coins to make the impressions. The counterfeits have very low relief, probably because worn genuine coins were used as impression patterns so as to produce counterfeits with an intentional simulation of wear. The results of a



Looking north toward the Benjamin Franklin Bridge from the site of the coin find along the Delaware Avenue side of the highway cut in February 1975.

The numismatic dreams of several members of the South Jersey Treasure Hunter's Club came true in February, 1975, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Using metal detectors over freshly moved earth, these "instant" archaeologists uncovered quantities of coins and other artifacts. Though still being found, the coins have included one major American rarity, a surprising hoard of over 362 identical pieces dated 1699, and many other numismatic curiosities.

In the construction of the elevated Delaware Expressway (I-95) running north and south through Philadelphia along the west bank of the Delaware River, the portion passing in front of Society Hill was engineered to run below ground level so as not to interfere with the view of the river and the embankment. The excavation for that portion of the highway was cut through the slope from Delaware Avenue up to Front Street and required substantial depth between Spruce and Walnut Streets, an area which for 300 years was teeming with merchants, traders, shippers, seamen, visitors, and Philadelphians in general. The site of the find was just north of where Dock Creek (now covered by Dock Street) formerly flowed into the Delaware River and where William Penn made his original landing in 1682 at their confluence. The Blue Anchor Tavern constructed in 1671 was the first building in this area and in 1691 Thomas Budd rebuilt it and added adjacent houses known as Budd's Row. These structures, although modified from time to time, were well frequented through the end of the eighteenth century.¹

The treasure hunters had been attracted to this area in late 1974 by reports of the discovery of American colonial glass as the drag lines and bulldozers graded the site. A bottle made about 1745 was the first find, along with hundreds of whole and broken English clay smoking pipes. On February 14, 1975, Marshall E. Overman, Scott Overman, William R. Paull and Steven Paull first discovered a group of 178 English

halfpence. The steep embankment of the trench was a churned up mass of marl, old log piling, and debris. There was substantial danger of collapse while digging in it and the hunters were warned away by the construction contractor's personnel.

The rapid progress of the road construction closed the site within a few days after the first coins were discovered. Photographs were taken of the find site but no accurate stratigraphy was possible. The manner in which the coins were scattered in the 10 by 10 foot area where they were found embedded in earth suggested that the pieces dated 1699 had originally been together very near where they were found, but the exact original site or depth could not be ascertained.

While no further exploration of the original excavation was possible, the finders learned that excess earth was being moved in large quantities from the Delaware Expressway excavation to three nearby dump sites, one at Wecacoe Avenue, another at Third and Oregon Streets, and a third at Third and Callowhill Streets. Many coins including 184 additional 1699 halfpence were found within a few months at these disposal areas by the original searchers who were joined by Alfred Domzalski, David W. Loll, and Harry Loll. This brought the total of 1699 halfpence to 362. The major find in artifacts was an intact English eighteenth century iron swivel cannon.² Onion bottles from the 1700-10 period were also located.

Earth from the Expressway excavation had been transported to dump sites

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Location where the Philadelphia coin find was made as it appeared in the eighteenth century, showing Dock Creek, the draw bridge across Dock Creek, and the Blue Anchor Tavern.

The Philadelphia Highway



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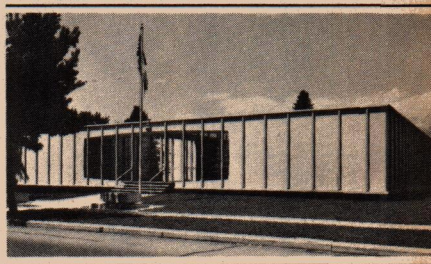
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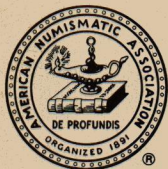
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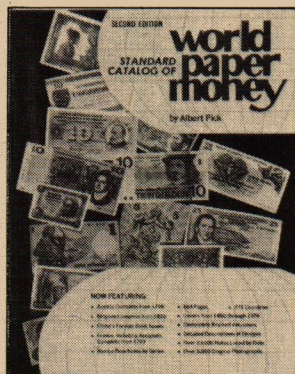
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